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Mrs Thatcher pledges no sellout on Ulster

The Prime Minister said last night that there was no sellout over Northern Ireland's constitutional position. Those who said otherwise were wrong or had chosen not to understand the purpose of the British Government's talks with the Irish Republic. The discussions, she told a dinner at Stormont, were aimed at securing peace and posed no threat to Ulster.

Reassurance on talks with Mr Haughey

By George Clark Political Correspondent Mrs Margaret Thatcher, on her first visit to Northern Ireland since her ralks in Dublin with the Irish Prime Minister, went out of her way last night to give new assurances to the people of the province that there was no question of their

not remaining citizens of the United Kingdom.

That would be so, she said, unless the Ulster people and the Parliament at Westminster decided at the company of the company decided otherwise. Obviously seeking to clear away suspicions that her talks in Dublin were in some way designed to change the constitutional position, she stated firmly: "That is the law of the land... It is fundamental to the Government's think-

ing.
It is something to which I am personally and deenly committed. Let me say with all the emobasis at my command that

out. "Those who argue otherwisehave simply got it wrong and arc thoosing not to understand the purpose of my discussions with Mr Charles Haughey." Mrs Thatcher, speaking in

Stormont at a dinner given by Mr Humphrey Atkin, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said that everyone had a common interest in peace and

We all have a common interest in creating a society where the gunman has no place. and where he will no longer able to kill and maint innocent people; and we all onve a common interest in building better working relationships within these islands and

within Europe."
Mrs Thatcher assured her audience that the discussions with the Government of the Irish Republic were directed towards those ends. They pose Northern Ireland she said. "We shall not he deterred by those who seek to invent age. We will not be deflected from serving the best interests of the people of the United Kingdom, including the people of Northern Ireland. Arremots at intimidation will fail. No one in Northern Ireland stands to eain from them. The ment to the province." rule of law must apply to

to protect the people of Norand the bomb, "The terrorists, whether they call themselves loyalists or republicans, bave nothing to offer but heartbreak and bloodshed,"

Great strides had been made in returning to normal policing in Northern Ireland, but the

task was not yet done. Often the operations of the Security Forces had to he shrouded in secrecy. That had made them targets for unfounded and ill informed criticism. Their critics should remember how many lives, since 1969, the police and the Army had laid down to protect the ordinary citizens of Northern Ireland.

"Our aim is to huild a healthy and harmonious society in Northern Ireland", the Prime Minister said. The measures the Government took to deal with the terrorist

minority must do nothing to damage the fabric of society. "We need too, and increas-ingly we are getting, deter-mined and effective cooperation from the authorities in the Republic of Ireland, she said.
There was again a hunger strike at the Maze prison in the quest for what was colled political status. There is no such cal bombing or political violence. There is only criminal murder, criminal bonibing and criminal violence. We will not

compromise on this. There will be no political status, Mrs. said. During her speech the Prime Minister announced that elec-tricity tariffs in the province would be brought more closely into line with those of England

and Wales, That was an important "I believe it will be welcomed by commerce, industry and domestic consumers, as evidence that the Government is responsive to the needs of this part of the United Kingdom and as confirmation of the Government's economic comit-

Paisier protest, page 2



Mcs Thatcher at Stormont last night with Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

HESINAD Indian lathi charge: Police dispersing wielding lathis broke up a protest

stone-throwing student demonstrators in the Gujarar city of Ahmedabad, where there is mounting protest against the reservation of university places for low-caste people.

The authorities have asked the inhabitants of Ahmedabad, the scene of considerable violence during recent weeks, to surrender their firearms to the police in the interest of order-Trevor Fishlock writes from Delhi In the city of Baroda, western Gujarat,

undergo

medical

treatment

Mr Edward Heath, Conser-

vative MP for Bexley, Sidcup, and Prime Minister from 1970 to 1974, announced yesterday

that he is cancelling all engage

ments for two months to under-go medical treatment.

According to a close friend,

he is being treated for a glan-

Mr Hearn said that he had taken his decision with regret but on the advice of his doctors.
On his behalf it was stated:

"He will be resting at home or

staying with friends while undergoing medical treatment

which his doctors expect will

lead to a complete recovery.

"Afterwards he will resume

his full political and other acti-

Mr Heath was not in his usual

form when he attended the re-

ception at the Commons on Wednesday to mark the cen-tenary of the Parliamentary. Press Gallery. He said then that

he was having to take things

easy and had given up the pros-

pect of yachting for some time.

British Consultants Association in London, his last public

engagement before beginning his rest. He cancelled his engagement to address a Young Conservative dinner at St Stephen's Club in London last

Mr Heath entered Parlia-

ment in 1950. He became Leader of the Opposition and of the

Conservatve Party on August 2, 1965, after whoning an over-all majority on the first occasion on which the leader was chosen by an electoral

her Government in February, 1979, Mr Heath declined to

Yesterday he addressed the

By Our Political Staff

dular complaint.

rally of 2,000 schoolchildren yesterday. The children were supporting medical students who have been protesting for several weeks against the number of low-caste people being given places in medical schools under

a caste quota system.

The demonstrating schoolchildren were dispersed by what police called "a mild lathi charge". A lathi is a cane about four feet long and over an inch thick.

Mr Heath to Tug in Channel chase after shots are fired

Channel.
The Panamanian-registered

tug Sea Rover was boarded by British customs officers two and a half miles off Beachy Head after it had been fired on by a French warship and a fire had broken out at the stern. The vessel was escorted into New-haven harbour by high-speed customs cutter Seeker and the quay was sealed off by police. As the crew of the Sea Rover

was taken ashore the bearded Dutch captain, wearing a booded brown anorak, shouled: I did not stop when requested to do so by the French saval vessel because I was in international waters."

"They opened fire and we dived for cover. Otherwise someone would have been killed. We have no drugs on board." One of the French Navy captains said: "We had instructions to intercept a boat. It did not stop so it was necessary to open fire."

Earlier three French customs vessels in a joint operation in-volving the British had followed the 80ft blue and yellow tug as she left Boulogne. She was intercepted but failed to beave to and customs cutters pursued her across the Channel. When the French intercepted

shot was fired across the bow of the boat and then the funnel

was riddled with shots. A fire Nine men believed to be started in the stern and the Dutch and Belgian were being Sea Rover put out a distress questioned at Newhaven, Sussex, call which was picked up by last night in condexio with English coastguards. A man at alleged cannahis smuggling Fairlight coastguard station, after customs cutters had near Hastings said: "It was chased a tug across the very exciting as we could hear very exciting as we could hear what sounded like machine-gun fire as the May Day call came

> "I heard a man saying 'The French are firing at mc, the French are firing' He said be was Dutch and that the shots were being fired while he was in international waters."

Mr Robert Marchant, a cosstguard pilot who flew over the tug when she was five miles off Beachy Head said he say the crew throwing flaming debris overboard.

The May Day call was can-celled after coastguards were told that a French warship was in the area and everything was under control but merchant ships were warned not to go to the tug. Monitoring techniques in Dover wêre abie ship's course.

As the unarmed British customs officers boarded the Sea Royer, the French customs cutters, with armed men aboard, and the French warship con-verged on the scene with an aircraft circling overhead. A spokesman for British customs said the Sea Rover had been intercepted just off the French coast and after she failed to stop was pursued across the Channel by British and French customs cutters.

Muslim peace mission reveals proposals for ceasefire in Gulf

From Tewlik Mishlawi Beirut, March 5

A nine-member Islamic peace commission today publicized a list of proposals it had submitted to both Iraq and Iran for ending the 24-week Gulf war.

The proposals, which were carried by the official Saudi press agency, call for a cease fire on March 12 and an Iraqi troop withdrawal from Iranian territory to begin a week later, with the proviso that it will be completed within four weeks. President Bani-Sadr of Iran today indicated that his country

was unlikely to accept the peace proposals. He insisted on en immediate withdrawal from Iran simultaneous with any ceasefire. (Report, page 6.] This is the first time that

specific peace proposals have been made public by any nucliators in the Guif war since it began on September 22.

The members of the Islamic The members of the Islamic commission, which was set up by the Islamic Conference summit in Taif, Saudi Arabia, last lanuary, are the Presidents of Guinea, Pakistan, Bangiadesh and The Gambia, the Turkish Prime Minister, the Foreign Ministers of Senegal and Malaysia, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Secretary General tion and the Secretary-General of the Islamic Conference Organization.

The commission is waiting in Jiddah for reaction from Iraq and Iran to the peace proposals. The proposed ceasefire and withdrawal of Iraqi troops would be supervised by a military subcommittee from mem-ber countries of the Islamic Conference, Iraqi and Iraqian claims and counter-claims to sovereignty over the controver-sial Shatt al-Arab waterway would be referred to a special arbitration committee of the organization.

According to the commis-sion's list of proposals, the two warring countries are called upon to respect each other's sovereignty and territorial in-tegrity, renounce the seizure of land by force, pledge not to interfere in the internal affairs of each other, accept the settlement of their disputes by

peaceful means and guarantee free navigation in the Shart al-Arab.

The proposals also stipulate that as soon as the ceasefire goes into effect, a special apparatus would be formed under the aegis of the organization " to ensure free naviga-tion in the Shart al-Arab A peacekeeping force from the Muslim organization could be established, if necessary.

Already the release of the peace proposals has revealed the sharp disarray among Iranian revolutionary officials— divided between the fundamentalist supporters of Mr Muhammad Ali Rajai, the Prime Minister, and the more moderate supporters of Presi-dent Bani-Sadr.

One Iranian religious leader said today that Iran "should not accept anything less than the wishes of the nation, including the punishment of the aggressive Saddan Hussin (President of Iraq) and the

liberation of Iraq from its usurping government".

Mr Rajai, a strong rival of Mr Bani-Sadr, has repeatedly demanded that the war be continued until the last Iraqi soldier has left Iraqian territory. He is expected to intensify his campaign against Mr Bani-Sadr, who himself has vehemently criticized the Prime Minister for the agreement be for the release of the American hostages last January.

Ayatollah Muhammad Hoseyn

Beheshti, the head of the Supreme Court and the leader of the dominant Islamic Republican Party, said in a statement yesterday that accepting a ceasefire before Iraqi troops had withdrawa from Iranian territory would be tantamount to treason.

Iraq bas not commented yet on the peace plan. Iraq started the war in the first place to establish absolute sovereignly over the Shatt al-Arab water-way. Accepting the peace plan as such would mean a significant concession. In contrast, the plan would assure Iran of a complete Iran troop withdrawal within four weeks.

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Japan using robots to produce robots

Tokyo, March 5

While Western managers are still attempting to introduce the first generation of advanced technology into their factories, Fujitsu's new plant near Tokyo now has robots making robots.

At the same time Hitachi, the electronic company, has just mobilized 500 scientists and engineers to produce a new generation of robots. They will be able to see, feel and walk up and down factory floors to supervise other robots on automatic assembly lines.

"In five years we expect all blue-collar workers to disappear from the assembly line. Factories will be manned only by clerical staff and a few maintenance technicians", a spokesman for the company says. Workers will be retrained for other departments expands.

Fujirsu Fanuc Ltd. one of the world's most advanced pro-ducers of computerized industrial equipment and goes even further. It hopes to realize an industrialist's ultimate dream in the near future: a factory without any workers

At present, Fujitsu's new plant, resentating a scene out of science fiction, employs 100 workers. They come on duty for eight hours during the day for eight hours during the day
to keep an eye on rows of
sophisticated robots, which
churn out new robots for 24
hours a day.
Lined up around the factory
are dozens of "automated
cells", each consisting of a

numerically controlled machine-tool and a sophisticated, computerized robot. Copper wires embedded in the factory floor guide unmanned cars between an automated warehouse and various cells on the assembly line.

Raw material is automatically loaded on to the carts and carried to the appropriate cell. There it is shaped and finished by the computer and the numerically controlled machine tool, returned to the unmanned cart and automatically carried on to the next stage of produc-Workers return to the factory

the next morning to complete

'Times' man gets press award again

By a Staff Reporter

Robert Fisk, Middle East correspondent of The Times, is today named: for, the second successive year at international reporter of the year in the British press awards. Phillip Knightley, of The Sunday Times, is journalist of the year. Mr Fisk's citation says his Standard, and Peter Niesewand, international reporting, parts of The Guardian, are com-Iranian war, combined meti- porter section. culous detailed work with first-class descriptive writing. He receives £250.

Aged 34, he has been with The Times since 1971. He was named reporter of the year by Granada Television in 1975 for his graphic accounts of the troubles in Ulster and it was his dispatches from Iran in the wake of the revolution that last year earned him the title of international reporter of the

He spent several weeks last

September and October covering the war between Iran and of The Sunday Times, who was Iraq. Before that he spent several months in Afghanistan reporting on the Soviet invasion. He is now back in Beirut covering Middle East "He combines hard reporting.

international reporting, parti of The Guardian, are com- Moscow correspondingly his dispatches on the mended in the international re- Times since 1978.

Mr Knightley is named journalist of the year for his investigations into the affairs of the Vestey shipping and meat companies. He wins £1,000 for what the judges called the outstading series of 1980 , produced after months of patient inquiry into the Vestey family fortunes.

Michael Binyon, Moscow cor-respondent for The Times, is also singled out. He wins the David Holden award (£250), created in 1978 in memory of

on Russia was one of the joys of the year", the citation says, "He combines hard reporting, fairs. descriptive writing and highly Jeremy Campbell, of The New significant detail." Mr Binyon, aged 36, has been Moscow correspondent for The

Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent of The Times, is commended under the specialist writer of the year award, and Harry Kerr, photographer with The Times, is commended under the photographer of the year

award. Both receive £100. The award for reporter of the year (£250) goes to a team of four from the Daily Express for their "professional handling" of the Iranian embassy siege. combined effort

Robert McGowan, Peter Hardy,

Continued on page 2, col 2

Social Democrats and Liberals in He resigned as leader of the party and the Opposition in February, 1975, when he failed to top the first of two bollots first joint motion

for party leadership. The ballot was won by Mrs Margaret Thatcher and when she formed Liberals and Social Democrats used proportional representation as a device to provoke debate in the Lords and thereby celebrated their first joint parliamentary motion. In the Commons the defectors got oblicity from left-wing Labour, criticisms urging them to resign and fight byelections. The new group is to put up two speakers on different days during the Budget debates. The Government Chief Whip has forbidden Conservative MPs to make pairing arrangements with Labour. MPs who have resigned their whip to become Social Democrats. The ban starts on Monday, and among those affected will be Sir Gooffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer Page 2 of the Exchequer

The Confederation of British Industry called for increased government spending totalling £6,000m over the next four years to restore industrial growth and reduce unemployment. Sir Terence Reckett; director-general, said there was a "real need" for the Covernment to recognize the problems of the economy Page 15

A man dismissed his defence representatives at bullets fired by police officers

Spanish coalition idea discarded by Premier

Señor Calvo Sotelo, the Spanish Prime Minister, discarded any idea of forming a coalition government with the Socialists to strengthen democracy after the failed military coup attempt. At a meeting with Senor Gonzales, the Socialist leader, both sides stated their differing views. The Socialists, however, accepted Senor Calvo Sotelo's offer to maintain a dialogue on the basic issues of stabilizing democracy, terrorism and regional devolution Page 5

Poles under pressure

The Polish leaders have returned from Moscow with assurances of the Soviet leadership's extended trust but also a warning that the Russians expect them to move faster and more decisively against what is regarded as a dan-gerous trend in Poland. But they also face increased demands by their own party's rank and file for democratic reforms Page 6

England beat Barbados

England bear Barbados by 11 runs in the last over of a one-day match yesterday, after Gooth had underpinned the batting with 84 out of 207 for six. In the Barbados innings, Stevenson and Botham each took four wickers Page 10 Greece: A series of severe carthquakes rocked southern Greece, including Athens, causing widespread damage to village houses 5

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Murder trial confusion

Birmingham Crown Court, questioned four wingses himself but hefore the court adjourned intimated that he wished to reengage his two counsel and solicitor. David Pagett, aged 31, a labourer, has denied murdering Gail Kinchin. aged 16, who died after being hit by three bullets fired by police officers Page 4

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Thatcher economic policy 'not soundly based' all-party MPs' committee says By John Whitmore

Financial Correspondent With the Budget less than a week away, an influential all-party committee of MPs yester-day strongly criticized government economic policy, saying its medium term financial

The committee described the medium term financial strategy, which sets out the basic framework of the Government's objectives through to 1983/84. as a "bold experiment".

Mr Edward du Cann, a leading Tory backbencher and

"was not soundly

chairman of the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee which drew up the report on monetary policy, said yesterday that the emphasis of the report was intended to be on the need for a more flexible approach by the Government. The report concluded that the Government's hopes that it could rapidly influence expect ations about wages and prices by setting out a medium-term path for monetary growth have

There was even less chance that such a policy could have worked, given that the monetary targets set out have not been met and have therefore lost credibility.
The report stated that the

been unsubstantiated

influence of monerary policy on wage and price inflation did not annear primarily through the setting of targets or through expectations, but rather in the short term through the lower- tion of the tectics in the light ing of economic activity and the of developments".

appreciation of the exchange

Implicitly, the report sug-gested that the loss of output for any given reduction in the inflation rate was likely to be high under a monetary policy approach to economic policy.

The committee's report said, however, that there has been no "true monetarist" experiment by the Government. In spite of considerable efforts to meet its monetary objectives over the past year, the Government had not used either of its chosen policy instruments to the fullest extent possible. It had moderated upward

pressure on interest rates and decided against trying to cut the public sector borrowing requirement to the level it had stated was consistent with its monetary target. The committee said that, while the readiness of the Government to announce medium and longer term objectives ex-

pressing its policy intentions

was welcome, unforescen exter-

nal developments made achieve-

ment of immutable targets set for a period of several years difficult if not impossible. The Government's medium financial strategy had "over-ambitious both in term the first year and in setting specific targets for a four-year period. In any future financial and economic strategy it would be wise to allow for modifica-

Striking more deeply at the heart of the Government's economic approach, the committee stated that, although over the longer term the money supply and the price level appeared to move together, it had not been-convinced by evidence of a direct causal rela-

tionship from growth in the money supply to inflation. The committee also gave warning of the risks of subordinating fiscal policy to monetary policy in a period of recession. It said that, in a recession caused by a full in private domestic demand, builtin automatic stabilizers tended to raise the public sector borrowing requirement, which in turn with unchanged interest rates might lead to an increase in monetary growth above target.

To raise interest rates or tighten the fiscal stance to try maintain money supply targets might prove counterproductive, requiring addirional sacrifices of output in order that anti-inflationary monetary targets could be met.

The committee welcomed signs that the Government may be moving away from using sterling Al3 as the sole monetary indicator. But it said that any change to a monetary base system of control would have far-reaching consequences, and not least the increased volatility of interest rates.

Monetary base doubts, page 15 Financial Editor, page 17

By Fred Emery Political Editor Liberals and Social Democrats in the House of Lords yesterday celebrated their first joint parliamentary motion since the Social Democrats defected from

Labour.
Used briefly as a device to provoke debate, it urged the adoption of proportional representation in the 1984 election to the European Parliament, under the uniform system all LECC members expect to agree. EEC members expect to agree. After drawing Labour opposition and government reserve the motion was withdrawn. In the Commons the defectors

got publicity from a string of left-wing Labour interventions o the effect that they were cheats" (Mr Robert Cryer) or "swindling the electors" (Mr Dennis Skinner) for not resign-ing and fighting by-elections. At one stage the Speaker, Mr George Thomas, observed that there would be trouble for the crats.

Government if it tried taking The Social Democrats have power to declare writs for byelections while MPs were still asking for a room in the Com-

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent

Westminster
There was widespread support in the Commons yesterday
for Mr William Whitelaw's decision to agree to the request
from Scotland Yard to ban all

political marches in London un-

til the end of the month.

Some Tory MPs, however, urged the Home Secretary to

ensure that he was seen to be completely evenhanded in deal-

ing with organizations of the right and the left. Otherwise,

he would simply add to the dis-content, according to Mr Alan. Clark, Conservative MP for

Plymouth, Surton.
There could be nothing more overly racist and criminal. Mr Clark said, than the hehaviour of the young thugs in the march

through Southwark on Monday, when they broke into shops, terrorized the white population and shouted objectionable slo-

man shout the monarchy
Mr Whitelaw's replies to
hoth sides of the House
showed him to he admirably
evenhanded, in the hest tradi-

tions of the Home Office. The march on Monday distressed

everyone, and it was only fair to say that it distressed some of its organizers, he said.

of its organizers, he said.
Explaining his han on marches, which will have the

effect of preventing the National Front march plauned

for tomorrow, which would have gone past the house in Lewisham where 13 young

Westminster

Fairness over ban on

marches is pledged

to leave it. But Mr Cryer, MP for Keigh-But Mr Cryer, MP for Keighley, claimed later that the Speaker had misunderstood him. He had been asking for a general resolution, not government writs, to make clear that those MPs who switched parties had an obligation to resign.

That is all, in effect, propaganda, although there is no question but that left-wing Labour MPs deeply resent the presence of the Social Democrats and wish Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, to join in making things uncom-

to join in making things uncom-fortable for them.

Outside the Chamber the
Liberals and Social Democrats

held their first weekly meeting to discuss parliamentary tactics and policy. They will put up two speakers on different days during the Budget debates, with Mr William Rodgers intending to speak for the Social Demo-

black people died in a fire six weeks ago, the Home Secretary told MPs that there had to be clear evidence of a risk of

grave public disorder.

There could be no question of a chief officer of police applying for a ban, or of the Home Secretary granting one, on the basis of liking or not liking a particular organization.

Although he was not in

Although he was not in favour of banning marches, there were times in the public interest when that had to be

Mr Whitelaw pointed out that

under the public order Act neither the police in their application for a ban nor he as

Home Secretary could pick and choose within a police area. It had to be a total ban through-our the whole of the Metropoli-

tan area.'
Lewisham alert: Police are

standing by for possible trouble in Lewisbam on Saturday des-

pite the ban on the National

Front march there (the Press Association reports).
Senior Scotland Yard officers are taking into account a state-

ment last night by the Anti-Nazi League which calls on "all anti-racists to come on to

the streets of Lewisham this Saturday and oppose them.".

mons. That matter is likely to he referred to the Commons Services Committee, where Labour's members could be expected to be uncooperative. "Pairing" ban: Conservative MPs were last night forbidden by Michael Jopling, the Government Chief Whip, to enter into pairing arrangements with Labour members who have resigned their whip and become Social Democrats (the Press Association reports).

By David Felton Labour Reporter

The Government vesterday reaffirmed

its determination to restrict pay increases to civil servants to 7 per cent. Meanwhile, union leaders said they were confident that more than 400,000 white-collar staff

Against the background of the one-day strike, which will cause widespread disruption to public services, Lord Soames, Lord President of the Council and minister responsible for the Civil Service,

told the Lords last night that 7 per cent was "simply as far as we can go".

He went on: "There are many people in private industry who would feel that such an offer at this time could be classed as a good one, given the general economic climate and the relative job

He said other groups of workers, such as a million local authority manual staff and teachers in England, Wales and Scot-land, had shown they were prepared to

Package holiday flights

security that civil servants enjoy".

Some package holiday air-

lines are hoping to maintain their normal timetable of flights from provincial airports in Britain on Monday, when many air services will be affected by a strike of Civil Service unions including air

Service unions, including air traffic controllers.

Some such airports, in-cluding Luton, Bournemouth, Newcastle, Teesside and East Midlands, have their own air traffic control staff, who are not affected by the dispute, which is over a pay claim.

Thomson Holidays and Cosmos, two of the biggest package tour companies, have told passengers booked with

them to go to those airports on

Monday. Thomson said they planned to make 20 flights with

Water and sewerage workers in Yorkshire yesterday became the first to accept the 13 per

cent pay offer from the employers; that led national union officials to believe that

the offer would be accepted by all 32,000 manual workers in

A conference of delegates representing about 1,700 members of the General and Municipal. Workers' Union (GMWU) in Leeds voted to accept the offer, which had been strongly recommended by the union leadership.

the union leadership. Earlier in the day more than

200 members of the same union

England and Wales.

would be on strike on Monday.

tion reports).

The ban starts next Monday. It will mean that all the Con-servative MPs involved will have to remain in the Commons until all hours of the night whenever a vote, however unimportant, is

a vote, however unimportant, is contemplated.

Callaghan sympathy: Mr James Callaghan, the former Prime Minister, said in Washington yesterday that the Labour Party had swung too far to the lit and that he sympathized with many arguments of the Social Democrats (Reuter reports) Democrats (Reuter reports):
But he told a public affairs
discussion group that he doubted that the party had a future.

TGWU change may end party

crisis By Paul Routledge

Labour Editor A move out of the Labour Party's constitutional crisis was quietly set in motion last night

by its largest trade union affiliate.

The Transport and General Workers' Union, whose votes have been consistently cast for leftwing policies on constitutional reform, indicated that its 1,250,000 block vote might eventually be cast for a formula giving Labour MPs half the votes in elections for the party

The crisis of political con-science in the union is to be taken up at a special executive meeting on May 14, before talks a month later on the union's

a month later on the union's political attitudes. In private the union's leaders are talking about an accommo-dation that will bring Labour MPs and the unions into an agreement on the voting pattern for an electoral college that gives MPs half of the available votes, with the rest divided between constituency Labour parties and the unions. That 50-25-25 formula is reemerging as a compromise between the unions and Labour MPs. Once the prospect of the transport workers' union sup-

large measure of support.

Seal protest goes on: Organizers of a big march in protest against seal hunting planned for Monday said yesterday that their protest would go shead despite the ban. port for such a formula becomes public, it is likely to attract a Parliamentary report, page 8

may beat air strike regional airports on the day of By Henry Stanhope the strike. Defence Correspond

Thomson said: "We are telling people to turn up as normal, and we are hoping that by the end of Monday everybody will

the strike. Britannia Airways, which specializes in package holiday flights, said yesterday it intended to take passengers due to fly on its services from Garwick, to Bournemouth airport.

and Edinburgh Airports, which will also be affected by the strike, will be taken by coach to Newcastle.

settle at about the same level within the 6 per cent cash limit imposed by the

Civil Service strike will affect public services, airports and Nato exercise

Lord Soames emphasized the Government's willingness to restructure the pay research system which governed civil servants' pay before it was suspended last year. He said the system "no longer commands general confidence" and welcomed discussions with the unions on a

white-collar staff, are insisting that as well as increasing the pay offer the Government should give a firm guarantee on a new pay system based on comparability for

next year's negotiations.

It became clear last night that in addition to the closure of all the biggest airports in the United Kingdom because of Monday's strike, driving tests, flood control and House of Commons operations

may be affected.

Mr William Kendall, secretary-general of the Council of Civil Service Unions, said that the Government had shown

Lord Soames stands firm on 7% pay limit "bangling incompetence" in its handling of civil servants and had not been able to offer the unions any guarantees on an orderly system of future pay bargaining. He predicted that about 80 per cent of the unions' members would not report for work on Monday as an indication of their hostility towards the Government's "dismissive" attitude to the Civil Service.

The unions have argued that the Cov-

The unions have argued that the Government would be able to increase the pay offer to double figures because of

pay offer to double lights because or projected underspending on pay.

They also claim that during negotiations the Government has mentioned the possibility of diverting funds from areas of its operations where it remains well within its budget, to help to fund a pay increase for white-collar staff.

increase for white-collar staff.

Government officials said last night that all possibilities had been considered, and 7 per cent was the most the country could afford for Civil Service pay increases.

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Eton getting

subsidized EEC butter

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Mrs Buchan:

Eron College has been receive ing cheap butter for the last six years through an EEC scheme for charitable organization: hospitals and nursing homes. it has propobly saved about £10,000 a year on food bills.

That allegation, based on information obtained by Mrs Janes Buchan, Labour MEP for Glosgow, is made in the latest issue of Lahote Weekly. Eton, as the bursar's office of

the school confirmed, is one of many charitable organizations taking the benefit of a scheme operated by the EEC interven-tion board for agricultural produce, based in Reading, not far from the college.

The scheme was devised, for application in EEC countries, to dispose of the huge butter surplus by means of cut-price sales to charities, hospitals, nursing homes and schools in both the public and the private sector.

According to the paper, the
1,200 pupils at Eton, whose
parents pay £3,500 a year in

fees, are entitled to about 450lb of butter each week at 32p a pound. The bousewife pays 36p to 38p for a half a pound.
Mrs Buchan said: "Taxpayers

are subsidizing butter for Eton pupils, while every day we hear local authorities are cutting school meals services. Will the Tories with children at Etno complains as loudly about this as they did when Community butter was sold to Ruusia?" According to Lahour Weekly. the bursar's office at Eton Col lege said the school has been

making applications to the intervention board since 1974, but it would take quite a time to work out how much the school had received.

Heart patient dies Mr William Tromans, aged

44, from Dudley, West Mid-Cambridge, two months

Monday's action a threat to alliance war game "crisis" opens in a relatively low key. It would be far more

Defence Correspondent The strike on Monday by biggest command post exercise for two years, in which civil and military decision-makers practise their wartime proced-

that the offer was reasonable

Further GMWU delegate

conferences are to be held over

the next week and an indica-tion of workers' support for the 13 per cent offer is likely to appear at the conference of

Midlands delegates today. The

region, which covers five coun-ties in the East Midlands, is

regarded as a barometer of opinion throughout the coun-

today's vote would be very close, and workers in several

areas have mandated their delegates to regional confer-

Dublin delegation was greeted with several dozen placards and

shouts from Mr Paisley of "Go

men are from parties in Eire

who claim territorial rights in

Ulster and give sanction to men-of violence."

Mr Brendan Lynch, one of

Mr Paisley sald later : "These

Last night it appeared that

in the circumstances.

tres.
The Ministry of Defence is hoping, however, that the effects can be kept to a minimum.
The "paper exercise", which will last for two weeks, is the sixth in the Wintex series and the details are always classi-

Passengers due to leave on holiday flights from Glasgow portant.

Heathrow and Gatwick sir-ports will be closed from one minute past midnight on Mon- are privately relieved that the

Heathrow and Gatwick, the two main airports serving London, will be most affected by

tions their unofficial strike in protest at the offer. Despite strong appeals from union officials to return to work, strikers in the Oldham, Roch-

dale and Ashton area voted to

The Lancashire workers are

the only water employees still on strike, after workers in the

north-east and parts of York-shire decided to return to work,

but there are still small pockets

of resistance in parts of England and Wales.

Mr Edmund Newall, national officer of the GMWU and chief

in the industry, said last night ences to reject the offer.

Paisley group protests

Dublin mayor is kicked as

First water workers accept 13%

continue action.

embarrassing for them if they civil servants may complicate were expected to down pens in the start of Wiotex-81, Nato's a fortnight's time, when they will have to rehearse Britain's role in a nuclear confrontation. All Nato countries take part in Wintex, which this year has

been given added point by the recent crises in the Gulf, recent crises in the Afghanistan and Poland. Few, if any, troop manouvres are involved. But Britain's main military headquarters as well as the ministry itself will take part as commanders practise the procedures which would gradually place the commanders procedures.

place the country on a war fied as secret. Although other

place the country on a war footing.

One official said: "As Wintex is an exercise in crisis management, one might argue that a strike by the Civil Service is not a bad way to start. Most Whitehall departments will be involved in the exercise to a greater or lesser extent." similar war games by the alliance's top people are held from time to time. Wintex, which takes place every two years to by far the most important. Ministry of Defence officials a total of 2,200 holidaymakers minute past midnight on Mon- are privately relieved that the ments to ski resorts and Mediter- day morning until one minute strike coincides with the first exercise ranean beach resorts from 11 to midnight on Monday night, day of the fortnight, when the extent."

Power men reject offer of 11%

supply workers were adjourned last night after union leaders refused to accept pay rises of about 11 per cent. The unions say they will not settle for less than the 13 per cent deal agreed in the coal

mining industry.
Union leaders do not expect any immediate action from their members because the Electri-tity Council promised to look at their figures and meet the unions again on April 2.

Mr John Edmonds, the union

negotiators' secretary, said yes-terday: "If we do not receive a better offer on April 2, we shall be moving into a dangerous situation."

lands, who had a heart trans-plant at Papworth Hospital, near ago, has died. He was the seventh of the hospital's 17

Abolition of the Monarchy would lose votes, MP says

Belfast
A good will visit by councillors from Dublin was disrupted to have lunched at the City in a rowdy demonstration in central Belfast yesterday by the Rev Ian Paisley and several of his supporters.

Mr. Eggas Cerian Lord

The delegation, which was held up by a bomb alert on the Dublin-Belfast railway line, was long to have lunched at the City sion to the Europa in the hope of avoiding the demonstrators. The ploy did not work and the Dublin delegation, which was held up by a bomb alert on the Dublin-Belfast railway line, was long to have a sudden diversion to the Europa in the hope of avoiding the demonstrators. By Our Political Staff and challenges Mr Donald Ross.

A leading article in last the editor, to say why he raised week's Labour Weekly suggest the matter. ing that the party could turn its attention to the Monarchy when it had abolished the House of Lords is derided in this week's issue by Mr Jeffrey Rooker, a left-winger and spokesman on social services.

"I cannot think of any more irrelevant, vote-losing and time

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Shetland: Sleet or snow, heavy at times, moderate accumulations; wind SE, strong to gale; max temp 2°C (36°F).

Mr Rooker, MP for Birmingham, Perry Barr, also questions the authority on which Mr Wedgwood Benn suggested at last year's party conference that up to 1.000 Labour peers

could be created to pass crucial legislation Mr Rooker discloses that no practical work has been done by the party machine on the

the demonstrators occupied the central foyer. The police arrived in strength. Government help for new Bill

Mr Fergus O'Brien, Lord

Mayor of Dublin, was kicked and jostled as Mr Paisley and his followers burst through the

security gate at the Europa hotel, where the delegation had

arrived for lunch with their

of Belfast, was also kicked

Mr John Carson, Lord Mayor

civic bosts.

By Our Political Staff

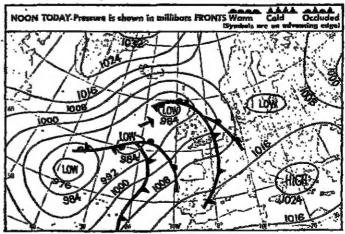
The Government is prepared to give every assistance to Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru MP for Caernaryon, in the preparation of a new Bill to replace his Disabled Persons Bill, designed to make further provision for access to public buildings by disabled people. Mr Pym, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Leader of the Commons, gave that assurance to Mr Wigley yesterday in the Commons, He said day in the Commons. He said that the new Bill would reflect

Commended: John Whale. "The Sunthe Time fiew Bill would reflect
the terms of a Commons motion
show Downing." Daily Express".

A special award is made to
Graham Wiles and Chris Bye, of
the Yorkshire Evening Post, for
their diligence and determination in pursuit of a story

That the new Bill would reflect
the terms of a Commons motion
which had been signed by 324
MPs. That calls for legislation
to help safeguard the provision of suitable means of
access for disabled persons to
buildings used by the public."

on the disabled



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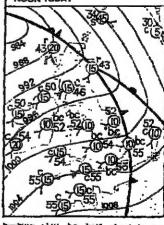
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Yesterday

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1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

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Fixed fines for drivers are backed

Proposals by a working party for Continental-style fixed penalty fines for a wide range comed yesterday by motoring organizations, the Magistrates' Association and the Police Federation.

Under ideas formulated by a joint working party from the Department of Transport, the Home Office, the Lord Chancellor's Office and other organizations, the number of motoring offences coming before the courts could be cut by 500,000 annually, leaving magistrates to handle more serious matters.

The fines for offences such

as speeding, failure to observe a policeman's rraffic directions, and many prohibited vehicle defects, would be edministered by a system similar to that for parking tickets. However, the proposals being considered by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Transport, would not include serious offences.

delayed letters

Government Officers' Associa-tion said last night that its members had handed over all the letters they had held up at Lambeth town hall, London, as part of industrial action over the sale of council houses.



Michael Binyon (left) and Robert Fisk: Reporting skills praised.

'Sunday Times' man is columnist of year

Continued from page 1

Ian Black and Peter Mason "was clearly and competently written and projected with flair", the judges say. Aileen Ballantyne, of The Guardian, and Barrie Penrose, Colin Simpand son and Simon Freeman of The Sunday Times, are commended in the same section.

The award of columnist of

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Jon The New Standard. News photo-

Whitehorn of The Observer are commended.
Paul Foot, of the Daily Mail, are commended.
Peter Heyworth, of The Observer is critic of the year (£250) and Observer is critic of the year. Scephen Games, of The Guardian, Keith Newbery, of the Isle of Wight Weekly Post, and Jack Tinker, of the Daily Mail are commended. Other awards are: Prostructal formalist of the year (£250): Simon Bailo. The Synday Mail Glasgow.

Longe of the year (£250) and harded Grant States writer of the year (£250): Commended: Brough South Simon Bailo. The Synday Mail Glasgow.

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Longe of the year (£250): Longe of the year (£2

Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, whose consent is required, yesterday for the first time met Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, chairman of Lonhro, with other Lonrho board members, including Lord Duncan-Sandys and Mr Edward

has no wish for its proposal to be referred to the Monorolies and Mergers Commission and there is little doubt that that has been discussed with the Department of Trade.

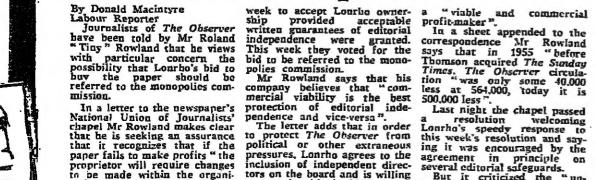
Mr Biffen was also challenged to refer the bid to the monopolies commission by Mr John Smith, Labour's shadow trade secretary. In a letter he said he was concerned by press reports that the terms of the

'Observer' deal not yet sent Lourho has not yet formally

It is understood that Lourbo

mission.

and Mr Stephen Ross, Liberal MP for the Isle of Wight, the



to be made within the organization in order to redress any possible failure of the paper. While reaffirming oral assurances of the continued editorial independence of the paper under prospective Lonrho ownership. Mc Rowland's letter. sent on Wednesday, shows a cool response to some of the proprietorship and that it will to increase the newspaper's chapel's detailed demands.

The journalists voted last

Thomson acquired The Sunday
Times. The Observer circulation "was only some 40,000
less at 564,000, today it is
500,000 less".

Last night the chapel passed

for government approval By Our Political Editor

applied for government consent to its proposed purchase of The Observer, it was learnt last night. It appeared that an application might be made

du Cann, Conservative MP for Taunton.

MPs also asserted that the newspaper's editorial independence should be safeguarded.

In the Commons Conservative and Liberal backbenchers have Joined Labour MPs in call-ing for a reference to the com-

In a motion signed by Mr Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Con-servative MP for East Grin-stead, Mr Nicholas Baker, Con-servative MP for Dorset, North, and Mr Stopher Porset Libert

sale were being rearranged to make it more difficult for a reference to be made.

the Dublin councillors, said be wasting political issue for was twice shouldered by Mr Labour to raise on the agenda Paisley, and so be retaliated than the Monarchy", he says Weather forecast and recordings

Today

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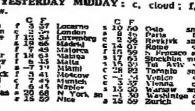
Channel Islands, SW England, Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, becoming cloudy, rain later; wind SW, moderate, increasing to strong; max temp 11° to 13°C (52° to 55°F).

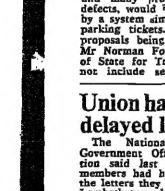
Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Central Highlands, NW Scotland: Outbreaks of rain, snow on hills, becoming brighter and drier; wind SE, fresh to strong, veering SW, moderate; max temp 9°C to 10°C (48° to 50°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Sleet or snow turning to rain, becoming drier; wind SE strong, veering SW moderate; max temp 6° to 7°C (43° to 45°F).

Shetland: Sleet or snow, heavy Moon rises : Moon sets : New Moon: 10.31 am Lighting up: 6.20 pm to 5.03 am High water: London Bridge, 1.37 am, 7.1m; 2.02 pm, 7.4m. Avon-

Foresasts for 6 am to midnight:
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Angila, Midrands, Lake District,
SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyli:
Outbreaks of rain clearing, becoming dry with sunny intervals; wind
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Union hands over The National and Local

part of industrial action over the sale of council houses.

"Until the dispute is resolved, members will still refuse to process applications, and it is unlikely that houses will be sold", the union said.

In eaward of columnist of the year (£250) goes to Hugo Young, of The Sunday Times, for "his consistently high standard of political commentating. He is illuminating and always well informed." His colleague, Godfrey Smith, and Katharine

tors on the board and is willing to consult with the NUJ chapel to that end, but rejects the inclusion of journalists on the board, and cannot abrogate its

support the company aim for circulation.

Cool Rowland response to NUJ

ing it was encouraged by the agreement in principle on several editorial safeguards. say by the journalists in the appointment of the editor and ultimate responsibility for selecting the editor.

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The board. seeks from the chapel are a It expressed readiness to co-welcome for the company's operate with management plans

a resolution welcoming Lonrho's speedy response to this week's resolution and say-But it criticized the "un-helpful response of Mr Row-land" on calls for au independent Observer trust, a

early next week.

The silent Irish MP dies aged 51

Mr Frank Maguire, Indepen dent MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, died in hospital in Enniskillen vesterday.

lived above the public house he owned at Lisnaskea, was an outspoken critic of conditions for lrish prisoners in Northern leeland and Britain.

Mr Maguire captured the seat in the October, 1974, election, and increased his majority Authority, said that a joint local

Cacial occasions: Mr Maguire is remembered most at West minster for his almost complete absence as an MP—except for the crucial occasions when his vote might have spelt the end of the last Labour Government (Our Political Editor writes). It finally did so by an Irony on March 28, 1979, when he flow March 28, 1979, when he flew all the way from his publichouse to abstain on the crucial confidence division which the Callaghan Government lost by

Had he voted with Labour, as he had frequently done, the tied vote would have been decided in Mr Callaghan's favour by the Speaker's casting vote. He never made a Commons speech nor put a question, but on rare occasions was known to have intervened briefly, usually from a sedentary position.

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in education policies By Diana Ceddes Education Correspondent A bitter attack on the alleged Mr Maguire, aged 51, who of County Councils (ACC) to

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Counties are accused

of subservience

the will of the Government was made yesterday at a meeting of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities' education commit-

gavernment view on educational matters had become virtually impossible "because the Association of County Councils takes the Government says ".

The ACC clearly regarded its loyalty to the Government as superior to its loyalty to local government. Sir Ashley added that no one was suggesting that the Labour-controlled AMA and the Conservative-controlled ACC chould the service state. should see eye to eye on every

"What I am talking about is a situation where we have all up to a certain point said one thing, and then the ACC suddenly disagrees because the thing, and then the ACC sud-denly disagrees because the Government has put pressure on it—and it capitulates com-pletely", he said. He gave as examples the ACC's report for the new block grant arrangements for the rate

support grant, the acquiescence to the 6 per cent pay limit in the public sector, and its agree-ment to open the negotations on teachers' pay with a 4 per cent

offer.
The Council of Local Educa-

tion Authorities (CLEA), which is supposed to present a united local government voice on education in the AMA's and ACC's negotiations with the Government, was pow "the voice of the Government's penetration into local government",

he said.

Mrs Angela Rumbold, former Conservative chairman of the AMA's education committee, begged the AMA not to sever its relations with the ACC, otherwise higher education will be taken away from local government, and that will be the beginning of the end of local government.

Mrs Rumbold was referring

Mrs Rumbold was referring to leaked Covernment proposals to remove all higher education from local authorities and to put it under the financial and administrative control of a single national body for higher education in the public sector. The proposals are due to go to the Cabinet before Easter.

The committee passed by 20 votes to 10 a motion calling on the AMA to "critically examine its policy on cooperation with the ACC, including its participation in CLEA". Voting was switch along party lines with strictly along party lines, with Conservatives voting against

Schools Council review: Mrs Nancy Trenaman, principal of St Anne's College, Oxford, has been appointed by the Govern-ment to carry out a review and to make recommendations on the functions, constitution and methods of work on the methods of work on the Schools Council.



Ken Goodwin (centre), star of "That's Showbiz", with Mr and Mrs Kendall-Lane, its producers, in London yesterday.

Producer wins a round in fight to stage Sunday shows

By Martin Huckerby Theatre Reporter

Mr Stephen Kendall-Lane, the producer of That's Showbiz, yesterday won a new round in his fight to present Sunday performances of the variety show. He gained at High Court injunction a single of the surrections of the surrection of the surrection

the agreement governing West End productions, and deregistered the company as a producer. Equity yesterday issued a further instruction to its 32 members in the cast of the show that they should not perform on Sundays.

registration decision.

Mr Philip Saunders, Mr Kendall-Lane's solicitor, said last night that a writ would be served on Equity today. The

Equity and the Society of West cil and its agents, specifically to perform on Sunday in return End Theatre, found Kendall-Lane Productions in breach of registration decision.

That's Showbiz has been

attracting poor audiences early in the week but better houses

£2,500 for woman butted by Welsh ram

A woman was awarded agreed damages of £2,500 in a civil action in the High Court at Caernarion yesterday as compensation for being compensation to attacked by a ram

Mrs Eva Hughes, aged 37, of Bronrallt, Llangario, Anglesey, had been butted repeatedly by a young Welsh mountain rant when she walked along a country road near her home in 1977. She had alleged that Mr Robert Wyn Jones, a small-holder of Llangaifo, had been negligent in allowing the ram to be on the highway.

Mr Alex Carlisle, her counsel, told Mr Justice Russell: "I am pleased to be able to tell you that both parties have come to terms and that you will not be troubled by the case of the ram that rammed ".

the ram that rammed ".

After he had mentioned the terms of the settlement, Mr David Clark, who represented Mr Jones, retorted: "On behalf of the ram, I agree".

Mrs. Hughes suffered a broken leg and was in hospital for a fortuight and required hope grafting.

bone grafting. "It was a terrible ordeal I will never forget", she said

after the case.

The ram builed me in the show. He gained a High Court injunction aimed at preventing members in the cast of the show that they should not perform stopping the Sunday shows in London.

London.

On Wednesday the Loudon Theatre Council, formed by The Loudon Theatre Council, formed by The Loudon Served on Equity today. The served on Equity today. The served on Equity today. The stream butted me in the served on Equity today. The sit weekend, so Mr Kendall-knee and I fell over. I managed to drag myseif along the room as the injunction was to prevent Equity from lateriering with the show.

The injunction has delighted to present a Sunday, drew an audience wariously estimated as 180 or just over 300; the theatre seats into the field and butted me again several times.

Housing in crisis, 3: New life for old

Renovation seen as an answer in two towns

By John Young
Despite its years of decline,
and its seemingly intractable economic difficulties, Liverpool remains a great if troubled city. In contrast Newport, a few miles inside south Wales, Is a town of few distinctive features, one expects a rather imposing civic centre.

What both places have in common is a profusion of small terrace houses, built to what now seem cramped and sparian standards, which have survived both wartime bombing and postwar comprehensive

Mr Barry Natton is chief executive of one of Britain's hargest housing associations, Merseyside Improved Houses. The association was founded in 1928, but its main impact has been only recent. Twelve years ago it had a mere 300 properties; today it owns and man-

aye nore than 1,000.

It has been particularly active in the inner area, where nearly a third of the population is of pensionable age. A typical small house is occupied by private tenants and has been virtually neglected for the past 50 years.

The acquisition and modernization of such houses has been one of the association's principal aims. It is not a profitable business. The Housing Act 1980 permess. The Housing Act 19a0 per-mits rent increases in two stages in what is deemed a fair level, but even then. Mr. Natton says, income falls far short of costs. "Effectively we have to write off the canital. We have been criticized as extravagant, and I would be the first to admit that associations are an expensive associations are an expensive

means of providing housing. But means of providing bousing. But we are doing a job which local authorities have failed to do."

The Government's order last September to halt all further capital spendine has had a particularly bad effect on so-called staged contracts, where tenants have been moved into tempor-

Tory MP seeks

Channel delay

By David Hewson

A Conservative backbencher called yesterday for the fourth television channel to be post-

poned on the ground that it could lose the Exchequer 575m a year in commercial television

After being told in the Commons that the Government

was pressing ahead with the planned start for the channel in the autumn of 1982. Mr John Watson, MP for Skipton, said

he would be consulting other backbenchers about continuing the campaign for the channel's

The profits of the independ-

ent relevision companies this financial year would be about \$108m, of which £81m would

go to the Excheouer in the form of levy. Mr Watson said. According to industry estimates.

in 1983-84 the difference be-

tween income and expenditure would fall to about £10m

because of Channel Four, its

postnonement.

fourth TV

understanding that they would be able to return to their renovated homes within four to five

"Now we have to tell them that we are sorry but we don't know when they can go back ... he says. "In other cases we have had to leave people where they are, with rents as low as 2Sp a week which we are reluctent to increase until we have actually done the improve-ments."

He is scathing about what he calls the "nanny attitude" of Department of the Environment civil servants which, he claims, has had a grave effect on morale. "At present we have architects and draughtsmen working on schemes which we don't know yet will be allowed to go ahead.

We have been told we can proceed with one or two schemes provided the cost is which is exploiting builders who are desperate for work

We don't even know allocation for next year." Two hundred miles south, Newport council has for some years been operating what is in relative terms, probably the largest and most ambitious renovation programme by any local authority in Britain. Of 45,000 houses in the town, 10,000 are in designated housing action areas and general improvement areas, and work is at present under way on 3,000.

Some Labour councillors have found it hard to rid themselves of the ingrained belief that it is the council's primary duty to build new housing. But David Brightmore, who is in charge of the programme, there is now a "political commitment " to renovation.

GPs and dentists

department store

Debenhams, the department store group, has reached agree-ment in principle with the British Medical Association and

the British Dental Association and to set up surgeries for doctors and dentists at its Oxford Street store in London, near an optician's already installed

The group will consider extending the idea to about 50 of its 71 stores if the Oxford Street scheme is

Mr Robert Foster, a Deben-hams executive, said yesterday that final plans had still to be

submitted to the BMA. He

hoped the new surgeries would open within three to six months.

Clinics plan: Air-Call, the com-

munications company that runs

the business side of the BMA's deputizing services, is consider

to work at

By Nicholas Timmins

Next: Aylesbury

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Arts college clash on cuts to 41 arts organizations. The

Welsh service and the introducting launching private general tion of commercial breakfast practice from two clinics in

north London.

By Our Theatre Reporter

Dr Richard Hoggart, the
warden of Goldsnuths' College.
London, and vice-chairman of the Arts Council, has agreed to speak to an open meeting of students at the college later this months. It results from the

doning the removal of grants cuts, he said,

the picket was organized for a lecture he was due to give to the college's drama department and the lecture was cancelled. Dr Hoggart said yesterday that he had agreed to meet the

this months. It results from the picketing of a lecture due to have been given by him on Wednesday, by students protesting at cuts made by the council recently.

The students' union at Goldaniths' nassed a motion last week criticizing him for condoning the removal of grants that he had agreed to meet the students, and to answer questions, if they withdrew the motion.

Mr Paul Blackman, a member of the students' union council, said that had been done, pending the meeting.

Many of the students could be affected by the Aris Council cuts, he said.

A Royal Mail Special Service

Defence team in siege murder trial is dismissed by accused

David Pagett, accused at Birmingham Crown Court of murdering Miss Gail Kinchin, yesterday dismissed his defence representatives and questioned four witnesses himself. But before the court adjourned he indicated that he wanted to reengage his two counsel and his solicitar.

At one point Mr Pagett asked Mr Justice Park: "Would you not put your questions so obliquely, please? I am not in the witness box yet. I was con-cerned with innuendos and the tone of your voice".

Mr Pagett, aged 31, a labourer, of Deelands Road, Rubery, Birmingham, has denied murdering Miss Kinchin, aged 16, who died last July a month after being hit by three police bullets. Miss Kinchin, who was pregnant, was alleged to have been used as a shield by Mr Pagett when he fired at the police with a shotgun, and officers returned the fire.

He has also denied further charges of attempted murder, unlawfully taking away Miss Kinchin and Mrs Josephine Wood, her mother, illegal rossession of a shotgun and wounding with a shotgun, causing grievous bodily harm. Mr Rudi Narayan, for the defence, withdrew after his client had handed him a note. Mrs Wood wept as Mr Pagett then took over the cross-

as well as Mrs Wood's".

When asked again what her daughter had told her in the daughter had told her in the ambulance, Mrs Wood replied:
"She said 'Mom, I've been shot, I'm dying'." Mr Pagett:
"You garhered at that early stage that I had shot your daughter—my fiancee?" Mrs Wood: "She wasn't your fiance."

Mr Pageit later accused the police of "covering up" their part in the shooting and also claimed that there had been an attempt to interfere with a

Subsequently Mr Pagett agreed to reengage Mr Narayan and other defence representatives and the judge said:
"The court has sought to comply with all your wishes. I am not prepared to allow this trial to linger on in the way it has been going on up to now, with constant adjournments for your convenience.
"If you tell n

you tell me that you wish to reinstruct Mr Narayan wish to defend you in this trial I will give you the opportunity of talking to him. If you have no such wish the trial will

The judge then told the jury: "Very few trials have encoun-tered the difficulties that this trial has had over the last few days. You have heard the latest exchanges between myself and the defendant.

"Having regard to the fact that the defendant faces a numexamination.

As she was being asked what her daughter had told her in the ambulance shortly after the shooting she burst into tears and Mr Pagett said: "There forts to dissuade him from getting rid of his counsel."

The trial continues today.

Libyans fear Labour move 'hit teams' in Dundee in Britain

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

Libyan exiles in Britain fear they could be the target for fresh attacks by supporters of Colonel Gaddafi, One source in the Libyan community said yesterday that between four and six potential assassins are believed to have arrived in

Special Branch officers at Scotland Yard refused to comment on the claims of a Libyan assassination team but the exiles believe that Colonel Gaddafi has initiated fresh attacks on their numbers.

This week the Libyan leader marked the fourth anniversary of the foundation of the "people's congresses" in his country by declaring that "the masses had the right to liquid-ate their enemies at bome and abroad". Libyan revolutionary committees were also reported to have reaffirmed the need.

A year ago Libyan assassins struck twice in London within a few weeks and killed a journalist and a lawyer. Three men were convicted later at the Central Criminal Court but another three escaped police detection.

The six had travelled from Libya and lived in London for some weeks. The men captured by the police were well trained.

tough professionals.

A few months after the attacks Mr Musa Kusa, Libya's chief representative in Britain. was expelled after repeating to The Times death threats against

The assassination attacks petered out both in Britain and other European countries but

last week a Libyan gunman tried to attack an airline passenger in Rome.
The exiles in London, according to the source yesterday, believed that their opponents are still trying to silence a group of people said to number up to 12. One of that group is said to have narrowly escaped attack recently when a friend

checked an apparently innocent

meeting and discovered not one

but two men waiting for him.

Invading thief

conter.

Police at Colchester, Essex, were looking yesterday for a thief who broke into a youth centre and stole a space invader machine valued at £2,000.

plot to lift a prisoner out of

Margaret Parratt, aged 34, and Jacqueline O'Mailey, aged 31, changed their pleas to guilty to conspiring to effect the escape of Brian Keenan.

They were released on bail to

The prosecution alleges that Mr Koenan was to be rescued

be sentenced later,

Brixton jail, in London, by heli-

to back PLO

From Ronald Faux

The Labour Party in Dundee hopes to bring the full weight of the trade union movement and the party in Scotland behind a demand for government recognition of the Palestine Utherston premization time Liberation organization as "the sole legitimate repre-sentatives of the Palestinian

Identical resolutions will be

put to the annual conference of the Scottish Council of the Labour Party later this month, and by Dundee Trades Council to the Scorrish TUC in April, The full resolution, which is likely to cause a storm from groups opposed to Dundee's strengthening connexion with the PLO, reads: "This conference, recognizing the injustice and oppression being suffered by the Palestinian people under military occupation and scattered as refugees throughout the Middle East, declares its support for '(1) the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination within an independent sovereign state and (2) the British Government to recognize the PLO as the sole

Palestinian people ". Dundee became the first city Britain to establish such close links with a Palestinian town when the council voted to "twin" with Nablus, a West Bank town occupied by Israel

legimate representatives of the

in the six-day war.

According to the Labour group, the object of the twinning is to increase public awareness of the Palestine question and provide support for the people living in the occupied

zone.

The move was opposed by the Tories on the council, who believed it was taking Dundee unnecessarily into a dangerous

When Mr Bassam Shaa, Mayor of Nablus, visited Dundee, among those invited to meet him was Dr Albert Jacob, leader of the Jewish community in the city and a focal GP. "I wished him shalom and shook his hand and asked him to avoid the subject of Middle East polianything to do with town-twin-

"Instead Mr Shaka made statements on local radio about the brutal occupation of the West Bank," he said.

cage", in the prison

Women admit helicopter jailbreak plot

taking part in the plot.

Mr David Jeffreys, for the prosecution, said both Mrs Parratt and Miss O'Malley had

were to have taken part in the

Report commissioned by ratepayers cites £106,000 houses as most flagrant example of extravagance Camden council faces bankruptcy after failing to fix next year's rate

By Ian Bradley
The difficulties besetting the
London borough of Camden as
a result of its last council meeting are the latest in a series of problems awaiting resolution.
On Wednesday night the

council failed to agree a rate for the next financial year after combined opposition to the Labour majority from Conservatives, who want a drastic reduction in spending plans, and left-wing Labour counand left-wing Labour coun-cillors, who strongly object to the cuts that have already been made in the 1981-82 budget.

The borough faces bank-ruptcy unless a rate can be fixed by the end of this month. The council also faces the possibility of legal action because of two separate moves. The district auditor has taken it to court after finding that supplementary payments made to manual workers since a strike in 1979 were unlawful." Last month a meeting of Lab-our councillors voted to end the payments from April 1.

The council has also been served with a writ issued by payers' Association. The writ, which was also served on 30

ing and deliberate disregard of members of the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe) are threatening a series of lightning strikes in protest against the decision to end the supplementary payments and to reduce jobs in the building depart-

councillors, alleges overspend-

Although the first strike, last Wednesday, had little effect on services, more disruption is threatened in the coming

But perhaps the most serious difficulty confronting Mr Roy Shaw, the council leader is the evidence of extravagance and waste in Camden's management of its financial affairs over the past five years, which was presented in a report published on Monday.
The 93-page report, The Cost

of Camden, was written by Mr Alex Henney, former chief housing officer for Haringey and a special adviser to the De-partment of the Environment. It was commissioned by the Commercial Ratepayers' Group.

It says that Camden spends

proportionately more and has higher staffing levels than any other council, despite the social need being less than in many any other London borough.

Camden council's Alexandra Road housing development, one of three schemes that together cost more than £61m. other areas. This year, for eaxingle, it has spent £491 for every resident, more than twice He says: "We have a unique combination of the very rich and the very poor in Camden, as much as neighbouring West-minster, which Mr Hemney which is made up of the old metropolitan authorities of Hampstead, St Pancras and Holborn. We also have particuregards as the most similar London borough in terms of lar problems because of having three main line railway termini The report also says that Camden employs 40.4 workers (King's Cross, St Pancras and per 1,000 population, compared Euston) in the borough. with 28.4 in Westminster and an average of 16 in England "A large number of people arrive on our doorstep, as it

> bed and breakfast accommodation. In 1980 we housed the bighest number of homeless families and persons of any London borough."
>
> Mr Henney does not accept

were, and have to be put in

that Camden is an area of high deprivation. He points out, for example, that it has the second lowest proportion of semi-skilled and unskilled workers and the fourth lowest

many of those statistics are, in fact, a tribute to the success of the council's high-spending housing and social service departments in eroding poverty and bad conditions. Comparable indicators at the beginning of the 1970s showed Camden to have the sixth lowest income a household of all London boroughs.

He says that another special cost faced by the borough is the provision of social workers in hospitals, of which Camden has more than any other Lon-

don borough.

Although The Hospital For Sick Children, in Great Ormond Street, is used by patients from all over the country, Camden has to meet the full cost of all

percentage of children eligible, its social workers. He estimates for school meals of all London that that costs £750,000 a year. that that costs £750,000 a year. Mr Henney's report is par-ticularly critical of Camden's housing record over the past 10 years. He says that delays in building new houses have been

> authority, and staff levels and costs in architects' and planning departments higher. He also accuses the council of having built to unnecessarily high standards, using expensive materials

longer than in any other

He singles out three schemes, Highgate Newtown 1. Alexandra Road and Branch Hill. Together they cost more than £61m and provided 835 units. Mr Henney says that, properly spent, the same amount could have provided housing for a further 750 to 1,500 families.

The Branch Hill development, on the edge of Hampstead

critics as the most flagrant example of extravagance. Each of the 42 houses cost an average of £105,000 to build. At present or E105,000 to parte. At present council tenants are paying weekly rests of between \$16.04 and \$17.32 for four-bedroom

and \$17.32 for four-boundom houses there.

Mr Shaw concedes that some of Camden's housing schemes have been extravagant and wasteful. He says: "The architects have been rather liberal in interpreting the council's specifications. What we were trying to do was 10 get away. trying to do was to get away from conventional, dreary tower flocks for housing council tenants. We wanted some imaginative schemes. Unfortunately, it just did not come off. On the costs of the Branch Hill development, he says that it was one of very few sites available to the borough at the time. Much of the cost lay in providing services for the site. Those are now available and would bring down significantly the cost of any further building Mr Henney also criticized delays in implementing plans in the council's architects' and planning departments. He says the Alexandra Road develop-ment took 85 man years of architects' time and he adds that 5534,000 in fees has so far been wasted in producing abor-tive plans for the development of a site at Swiss Cottage that has been vacant since it was bought by Hampstead Borough Council in 1955.

Mr Shaw said: "This is a very sad story. We have had dozens of schemes for developing this site, but they have all foundered either because of government curbs on capital spending or because the local residents have changed their minds about what they would like there ".

Mr Henney council has been allowed to get away with profligace because domestic ratepayers contribute only a quarter of the rates, less than balf the proportion of most other boroughs.

He also blames the "radical chic", who he says dominate the council. "They have the council. "They have deceived themselves and the electorate that Camden is a place of enormous social need."

Mr Shaw replies: "We are not ashamed of being a high-spending council that are required. spending council that provides good services. We have an extremely vocal population that know their rights, and if they do not know their rights, the people in Hampstead will tall them what they are ."

Powers of tax inspectors should be curtailed?

By Frances Gibb The powers of Customs and excise and Inland Revenue inspectors to enter and search premises, seize documents and ask for information should be curtailed, the Law Society says in a memorandum published yesterday.

In its evidence to the com-mirtee under Lord Keith of Kinkel, set up by the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer last October to look at the departments' enforcement powers, the society says the legislation giving the powers of entry and search should be repealed. Instead there should be new

legislation, standardizing exist-ing provisions restricting the wider powers of Customs and Excise in the same way as those of the Inland Revenue, and including various safeguards.

The memorandum, produced by the society's non-contentious business committee, also says that its other chief concern is that the confidential relationship between a solicitor and client is protected.

Unless a solicitor is in receipt of income or gains passing through his hands, he should not have to disclose in reply to a request for information anything more than the iden-

tity of his client, and then only if the transaction is identified. The professional offices of solicitor should not be searched unless there are reasonable grounds to believe that he himself is fraudulent or a party to fraud, in which case the search should be confined to papers disclosing the

affairs of the solicitor. The Law Society adds that if a search of a client's papers is

refer to a particular taxpayer and particular documents. "At all times the confidential relationship between a solicitor and his other clients should be respected."

size, social mix and wealth.

and Wales as a whole. If all

local authorities were staffed at the Camden level there

would be a million and a

quarter more council employees.

den is a high-spending borough and that it employs more people a head of population

than any other authority. How-ever, he rejects direct compari-

sons with Westminster or with

Mr Shaw accepts that Cam-

The recommendations are put forward, the society says, on the basis that in some cases the public interest might require revenue officials to enter and search premises, but such powers should be controlled so as to protect as far as possible the liberty of the innocent citizen.

It urges certain safeguards to be incorporated in legislation. There should be a two-tage prorant to search, as recommended by the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure.

The application for the warrant should be made in writing, and where it is made to a magistrate or judge it should be in the form of a deposition lodged at court.

The warrant should specify the object of the search and the premises in as precise detail as possible and there should be a time limit on

Among other recommendations, some of which were mentioned in the House of Lords case on the Rossminster finance group in December, 1979, is that Customs and Excise should adopt a code of practice in relation to all backduty investigations providing safeguards for the taxpayer; that the mere failure to make a VAT return should not constitute a criminal offence and that Customs and Excise should use the greatest possible care in exercising powers of for

In brief Severed fingers sewn back

Plastic surgeons yesterday completed a 22-bour operation to sew back three fingers which had been severed in an accident with a circular saw.

The fingers, on Mr David

Nash's right hand, were sewn back at the plastic surgery unit at Frenchay Hospital, near Bristol. They were saved by one of Mr Nash's workmates, who put them in a bag of ice while waiting for the ambulance.

Harman costs request.

The all-party parliamentary penal affairs group has sug-gested that the Home Office should meet its own costs in its action against Miss Harriet Harman, legal officer for the Council for Civil Liberties, for contempt of court for showing a journalist Home Office documents.

Nurse elects trial

Harold Dexter, aged 59, a nurse at Rampton Hospital, Nottinghamshire, elected trial by jury when he appeared be-fore Mansfield magistrates yesterday charged with ill treating Mr Richard Clive Winnik, a patient, on February 5, 1979. He was remanded on bail.

Trawler arrested

The Dutch trawler Hessel Vandenberg was arrested yes-terday by the British fishery protection vessel HMS Orkney and escorted to Grimsby for allegedly using illegal nets inside Britain's 200 miles fishery

Assault on girl David Allen Bobling, aged 31, said to be living in a caravan at Alvanley, Cheshire, was sentenced to three years' imprison-ment at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday after admitting kid-napping and indecently assaulting a girl, aged 11, at Wallasey.

Fined woman had £500 Miss Edith East, aged 80, a meless woman, who wa fined til yesterday after admitting being drunk in Worthing, was said by police to have had more than £500 with her when she was arrested.

Ouilts for hospitals Hospitals in north Notting hamshire are to use Continental quilts to take the drudgery out

of bed making for nurses and to save £50,000 a year in laundry bills. Top salaries chairman Lord Plowden has taken over

from Lord Boyle of Handsworth as chairman of the Top Salaries Review Body, the Prime Minis-ter announced yesterday. Butlins buys hotel

Butlins has bought the 157-bedroom Grand Hotel at Llaududno, one of the biggest in Wales, for an undisclosed

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'dissipated' By Our Crime Reporter

Police expertise in specialist areas such as dealing with rape victims and offences involving children has been reduced by the integration of police women in the service, according to an article in Police Review today.

Examining the Sex Discrimi-nation Act, 1975, the magazine says changes were often made with little planning and led to the dismantling of police women units without thought to the consequences. One result was that many

young officers lack the expertheir predecessors but are still expected at times to do the same job, as well as other duties.

Liaison with local social ser vice and other agencies has suf-fered, as has the handling of cases such as those of missing

young girls. While police women bave gained entry to special units such as the mounted and motorcycle branches, the Act has not brought any big increase in promotions. It says that a number of

forces are considering some replacement for the old police vomen's department.

the best compromise.

Expertise of West Yorkshire to get nine WPC's new railway stations new railway stations would comprise two platforms

From Ronald Kershaw

Nine new railway stations are to be opened by West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive. The plan was approved at a meeting yesterday of West Yorkshire County Council's transportation committee.

The stations, to be financed by the executive, will cost between £70,000 and £110,000 each. It is expected that a total inrestment of £690,000 will yield, after four years, more than £400,000 a year profit at today's prices, from additional passenger traffic

Five of the nine stations, most be built on the sites of stations passenger transport executive is closed under the Beeching con- responsible for carrying out. traction. West Yorkshire County The plan was welcomed last Council said that the stations night by British Rail,

and waiting rooms. The first is to be opened in 12 months at Crossflatts, near Bingley, on the Leed-Keighley-Skipton line. During next year stations will

be built at Fitzwilliam, near Wakefield, and Slaithwaite, near Huddersfield, followed in 1983 by stations at Bramley, between Leeds and Bradford, Lightcliffe, near Halifax, and Saltaire, near Shipley; Beighton, near Hud-dersfield, East Garforth, and Hawkesworth, near Leeds, will complete the project in 1984.

00,000 a year profit at today's ices, from additional passinger traffic.

Five of the nine stations, most which will be unmanned, will the stations are on computer lines and will have car parks. The stations are part of the county council's public transport policy, which the

New rules for drug trials

By Nicholas Timmins The British Medical Association has approved a new constirution for local ethical com-mittees to enable them to check that research involving patients, including drug trials in general practice, are ethically sound. The committees, one to each

Departments run with a health district, will include two family doctors and a lay member, as well as hospital doctors,

a nurse and a specialist in community medicine. The proposals will be sent to the medical royal colleges for approval and then to the

Department of Health for implementation. Of the existing ethical committees, some do not function well, others are purely hospital based and not all include laymen or general practitioners.

Citizenship rights by birth amendment defeated

By Philip Webster Parliamentary Staff

The Home Office's obsession with possible abuses of immigration control and illegal entry had led it to oppose a "compassionate" amendment to the nationality Bill that would have allowed British in the compassion of the nationality by the control of the nationality by the children adopted overseas, Mr Roy Hattersley, the Labour Party's chief home affairs spokesman, said yesterday.

"To object to this amend-

ment in terms of old fears that immigrants in this country are by and large not to be trusted and inclined to take advantage of any loopholes in the law is disreputable", he told the standing committee on the Bill.

said it could involve a consider-able immigration commitment. able immigration commitment.

If it was passed, any British
citizen could go abroad and
adopt a child, and that child
would be a British citizen with
a right of abode in Britain.

There would be a considerable temptation for people to
adopt children that rempt as adopt children that way as a means of evading immigration

control A child acquiring citizenship that way would he able later to transmit it to his or her children born abroad
After more than 20 hours of debate in nine sittings the committee carried the Bill's first

clause, which provides for the acquisition of British citizenship by children born of parents who are British citizens or "settled" in the United Resisting the amendment, "settled" in the United which was defeated by 13 votes Kingdom, thus ending the to eight, Mr Richard Luce, principle that everybody born Under-Secretary for Foreign in the country has a right to and Commonwealth Affairs, British citizenship.

70 journalists in picket go unchallenged From Our Correspondent Leamington Spa

A demonstration against the restriction of pickets to six passed without incident at Nuncaton, Warwickshire, yesterday.

Abour seventy trade unionists, mainly members of the ists. mainly members of the National Union of Journalists, including its general secretary. Mr Kenneth Ashton, pickered the premises of Watling Publications during heavy snow in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent printers going in.

The journalists are in dispute with North London Newspapers and its parent company, Courier Press, over the closure of The Camden Journal

Camden Journal
Every Thursday for weeks an NUJ picket has been placed on the gates of Wotling Publications in an attempt to stop the production of North London Newspapers' other payments. Newspapers' other newspaper. The Hornsey Journal and Islington Gazette.

Effect on health of milder cigarettes

tality in Britain.

The changes in the composition of cigarettes are reported in an article today in the British Medical Journal by Sir Committee of the second

By Our Medical Correspondent
The mild cigarettes that have become more popular since the Second World War may have altered the pattern of some diseases related to smoking.

Modern cigarettes contain on average only half the amount of tar of those sold in the 1930s, which may partly explain the recent fall in lung cancer mortality in Britain.

Wald, from the Radcliffe and Mr Caham Copeland, head of smoking products in the Government Chemist's Office.

Sir Richard had asked the public for help in collecting old tar of those sold in the 1930s, which may partly explain the sounds and attics. Analysis and attics. Analysis the vield of tar dropped which constituents of tobacco 1975 the yield of tar dropped by half, of nicotine by 30 per cent and of carbon monoxide by

10 per cent.

Which constituents of tobacco less certain, the report says. British Medical Journal by Sir However, yields of nicotine lng on the heart is on persons and carbon monoxide rose again aged 55 or less. The greatest effect of smok-

Golf cooperative 'harmed by disloyal undercutting'

Mr Dai Rees, the former Ryder Cup captain, and his co-directors of the Professional Golfers' Co-operative Associations of the Professional Geoffrey Martin, the liquidator, that some professionals even that some professi tion yesterday rejected accusa-

tions of blame for inefficient The board claims that the cooperative which is in debt for more than 11m was harmed by the activities of some golf professionals who undercut it

by dealing directly with manu-A creditors' meeting at the

that some professionals even formed small cooperatives in competition with the associa-The other directors of the association were said to be Mr R. S. Jamieson, Mr R. Mace, Mr N. Selwyn-Smith, Mr E. R. Whitehead and Mr R. T. Niven. Assets were estimated at just over £1m and the deficiency to creditors was put at £10,607.

38, Richard Glenholmes, aged 47, and Robert Storey, aged 23. The trial continues today. Woman prisoners said to have

Dalston, east London,

Women inmates at Askham Grange open prison had grown cannabis in the kitchen garden there, is was alleged at York Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Roger Scott, counsel for Paul Lacey, aged 28, husband of a former inmate, suggested that there had been a flourishthat there had been a flourishing drugs trade at the prison.

The trial continues today.

the Life Assurance Association if any company would insure him. Mr Castle, aged London, said: " I am delighted. It means that insurance companies can fit people. I intend to live for a long time yet."



Mr Keith Castle, the heart transplant patient, who has won his fight to insure his life. He was declared an "acceptable risk" by Sun Alliance yesterday, three months after he had asked

Operation. Mrs Parratt, he said, made

grown cannabis

Mr Lacey of Princess Street, Wombwell, pleaded not guilty to supplying and possessing a controlled drug.

54, a builder from Battersea patients as normal, physically

Spanish Premier will not ask Socialists to join him in coalition

From Richard Wige

Señor Leopoldo Calvo Soccio has discarded any idea of forming a coalition government with the Socialists, his aides said in Madrid today.

The Prime Minister, it seems, believes that a coalition embracing more than three-quarters of the political spectrum in Parliament does not offer the best way to strengthen democracy after the failed military

A meeting last night between Señor Calvo Socelo and Señor Felipe Gonzúlez, the secretarygeneral of the Socialist Party, resulted in both sides staring their different viewpoints after analysing the failed coup,

The Socialist leader agreed to Señor Culvo Sociolo's offer to maintain a dialogue on tackling basic issues such as stabilizing democracy, combating terrorism and regional devolution, all of which, if not resolved, could heighten the latent threat of another assault on democracy by right-wing elements among the armed forces.

Sensing they had King Juan Carlos's tacit approval, Señor González and Señor Manuel Fraga Iribarne, the leader of the conservatives, had both been compaigning for a broad-based coalition.

Two of Spain's most impor-tant economic figures, Senor Carlos Ferrer, the president of the Confederation of Employers' Associations, and Señor Rafael Termes, the president of the Spanish Private Banks Association, met journalists to express their disapproval of the coali-

Business leaders speak out more readily on public affairs in Spain than elsewhere in Europe and the two men joined in the debate on whether a coalition was the right remedy for a threatened democracy.

While some people are citing the example of Italy's 30 years under the Christian Democrats to argue that Spain must maintain a moderate alternative, others see the threat to democracy as so grave that the two main parliamentary forces must bar the road to reaction.

Señor Calvo Sotelo who by saying "no" to the Socialists has also rejected a demand from a minority within his own perty for a coalition, had already promised such reforms. Senor González, however, continues to be greatly influenced by the ideas of Herr Willy Brandt, the West German Social Democrat leader, that the best way for a left-wing party to obtain a majority of the votes is first to become "respectable" by

become "respectable" by governing in tandem with the present holders of power. The employers' leader argued that Spain's democracy would be best served by maintaining an alternative pacty—"unless you consider the Communists as an alternative". He added that if the Socialists won power at the next general election, mployers would fully

From Mario Modiano

among the population.

midnight last night.

the day in the open.

A series of severe earthquakes

rocked the south of Greece and the area of Athens in the past 24 hours, causing widespread damage to village houses and arousing considerable alarm

Three deaths caused by heart

Three deaths caused by dears attacks in the Athens area were attributed by the authorities to the powerful shock measuring 6.2 degrees on the Richter scale which occurred shortly before

This was followed by a tremor f 5.2 degrees soon after 3 am.

But it was an earthquake rating 5.8 degrees at 9 am today that

renewed the panic, causing many Athens shops to close, and people to drive away and spend

Athens, March 5

Recurring earth tremors

Sale to Taiwan approved

create alarm in Athens

there were members of ins organization with right-wing sympathies, and also said that this organization "has not and will not back the de Gaulle ontion".

The bankers' leader said a coalition with the Socialists now "would be like adding water to good wine". The Prime Minister's economic programme would be more effective without them and the banks would see that he was helped. would see that he was helped. Senor Calvo Sotelo mer roday

Señor Calvo Sotelo mei ioday Señor Carlos Garaikoechea, the Chief Minister of the Basque autonomous regional Government. He believes that the devolution process should be carried out in a more orderly way to avoid any appearance of "unravelling" Spain and so further upset the military.

Señor Albert Oliagt, the new

Señor Albert Oliart, the new Defence Minister, today began meeting all nine regional army commanders. One of the hard-General Angel Campano, in charge of the Valladolid military region, today denied that he had been vacillating on February 23 in supporting the King.

King.

The Government, Señor Oliart said, had decided that it would be "inopportune" to support a proposal to pardon members of the Union of Democratic Officers, which began campaigning for a more democratic spirit in the armed forces towards the end of the Franco etc. Several of its leaders were era. Several of its leaders were subsequently punished and dis-

Señor Oliart reiterated the Government's policy not to use the Army to fight Basque the Army to fight Basque terrorism, no matter how important its eradication remained for Spanish democracy. Some 250 Portuguese rightists crossed the frontier into Spain on the night of the failed coup, the Europa press agency reported today, quoting Spanish sources.

Spanish sources. They spent the night at a farm near Badajoz and re-turned home after the coup failed.

Basque violence: A national police officer died today shortly after being shot in the back of the head by some young men while walking home from work in the Bilbao district of Deusto (Harry Debelius writes from Madrid). Suspicion fell on the military wing of ETA.

The victim, Señor José Luis Raimundo Moya, a section chief, was wearing civilian clothes at the time. Sector Calvo Sotelo flew to the Basque region tonight to attend his funeral.

The police today disclosed the screet of three more suspected members of the extreme right-wing Spanish Basque Battalion in connexion with the murder of a factory worker near San Sebastian earlier this week

week.

Madrid newspapers today reported that at least 22 officers held in connexion with the failed coup



Dr Frank Wiswall, an American lawyer (left), and Mr Philip Bowen, the Liberian Maritime Commissioner, at a press conference yesterday on the Amoco Cadiz tanker disaster.

French are accused over Amoco Cadiz

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

France was accused yesterday of withholding vital information on the sinking of the ranker Amoco Cadiz in 1978, partly so as not to impair its huge claim for damages arising from result-ing pollution of the Brittany

The key evidence withheld from Liberia's formal inquiry, whose final report was published yesterday, is a record of messages received by the Preach coastal station at Brest. French coastal station at Brest.
Liberian experts believe the
messages would show that the
French authorities were aware
of the threat of large-scale
pollution much earlier than has
hitherto been disclosed, but
failed to take action.
The licence of Captain
Pasquale Bardari as a master
is now being restored. Mr
Phillip Bowen, the Liberian
Maritime Commissioner, said
at a London press conference
yesterday that though the cap-

at a London press conference yesterday that though the captain's failure to send out a general distress signal before the tanker grounded was "inexcusable", he had "suffered enough" in the past two years.

Captain Bardari still faces penal charges in the French courts.

courts. the 230,000-ton tanker are believed to amount to more than £1,000m, of which the

largest are by the French Gov-ernment. They will be fiercely contested in the American courts later this year by insurers who believe that no more than \$50m to about £100m of the claims are provable. The Liberian report declines

to censure either the tanker's owners, the American oil company (Amoco), or Captain Bardari, though both are criticized for the delay in calling for help.

Nor is there censure of the owners or master of the German rug Pacific, which came to the rescue but failed to stop the tanker grounding when a tow rope broke.

when a tow rope broke.

The main finding of the inquiry, which was held in London, is that the accident, at that time the worst ever oil pollution disaster, was caused nor by human failure but by the mechanical failure of the ship's steering gear as it proceeded up the French coast with 200,000 tons of crude oil in rough seas and gale force winds. gale force winds.

Mr Bowen said that France's action and inaction after the incident, its failure to provide evidence and its arrest of key witnesses were "grossly in con-tempt" of rulings by the Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization governing such inquiries. Liberian experts admitted

yesterday that individual French experts had been help-French experts had been hetpful and friendly, but cooperation had apparently been forbidden by the French Government on the grounds that it did
not wish to be seen to approve
of a flag of convenience
inquiry, and that certain evidence in its possession might
affect the civil action

The report finds that "the authorities in France have still persisted in their refusal to disclose relevant documents"; and while some had become available later through proceed-ings in the United States, these unhappily did not include any copy of the records maintained by the radio station at Brest, which is under the control of

which is under the control of the French Government.".

France's behaviour, the report says, was "in marked contrast to that of the British Post Office, who readily con-sented to an order of the Eng-lish High Court of Justice re-quiring [it] to produce copies of the relevant radio messages picked up by British radio stations."

While the tanker was of

While the tanker was of high quality and had a highly trained crew, Amoco was criticized for a section of its opera-tions manual for tankers, which required a master to contact head office where possible before accepting outside assistance.

"The time spent by Captain Bardari in seeking to obtain instructions from his owners when his vessel was in a posttion of grave peril suggests that there was in his mind some degree of confusion as to the extent of his own responsi-bility."

bility."

A "special citation" is to be awarded by Liberia to Captain Leslie Maynard, a British safety expert, who was on board at the time and who "risked his life in the finest tradition of the sea to stay with Captain Bardari and the ship although he had no duty to do so". The French Navy Helicopter Service was awarded a citation for its "prompt, brave and efficient" conduct of a rescue operation without injury or loss of life.

Indian chiefs scrutinize Paris treaty for rights

From Charles Hargrove Paris, March 5

Paris, March 5
Chief Big Louis, of the Hurons, traditionally affied to France ain the eighteenth century, and Chief Andrew Delisle, of the Mohawk-Iroquois, called this morning at the archives of the Quai d'Orsay.

The two Canadian Indian chiefs were anxious to see the original text of the Treary of Paris of 1762 under which

Paris of 1763, under which France was forced to cede Can-ada to Britain at the end of the Seven Years War. They wanted to ascertain whether, as they had been told, Britain had undertaken by this treaty to respect the rights of the Indians with whom France had signed agreements before the surren-

der of "New France".

The French Foreign Ministry is rather blase about colourful visitors from overseas, and it takes more than an Indian chief with two feathers stuck in his long plaits of greying hair to shake the composure of the Qual d'Orsay ushers. One can see very Parisian Indians about the streets, har-

ring the feathers perhaps, every

ring the feathers perhaps, every day. But Big Louis is a fine giant of a main, who speaks French like the Québécois. Eis companion, Chief Andrew Delisle, whose tribe was traditionally allied to the English, also has distinguished looks. They were, unfortunately, disappointed in their search. There is nothing specific in the Treaty of Paris about the rights of the Indians, which could be used as an argument in Ottawa that their tribes constituted a nation which had never abdicated its rights,

All that it says is that "the inhabitants, French or otherwise, who had been subjects of the most Christian King, will be able to retire in complete safety and freedom. and freedom wherever they wish and sell their possessions, pro-vided it be to British subjects". The two Indian chiefs ex-

pressed great interest, however, in this clause, because of the expropriation of which they were the victims in the past. Their spokesman said they were demanding the right to participate in the negotiations between the Canadian Comments. between the Canadian Govern-ment and the provinces on the repatriation of the Canadian constitution in order to obtain

the status of a province in turn. They further emphasized that they had never had any part in the drawing up of the Canadian constitution although the preamble of the British-North America Act specified that the three nations of Canada— British, French and Indian—

should do so.

The two Indian chiefs will be

The two Indian chiefs will be joined tomorrow by Mr Del Riley, the chairman of the "National Fraternity of the Indians of Canada", the real "government" of the Indian The two chiefs were anxious to make it clear that they were not in Paris to meddle in French politics, or to create difficulties between France and Canada.

Mitterrand escape route retraced

From Gretel Spitzer Berlin, March 5

Berlin, March 5
Herr Willy Brandt, the chairman of the West German Social Democratic Party, and M François Mitterrand, the French Socialist leader, met on the Berlin-West German transit route in East Germany today.

M Mitterrand, a former inmate of a German prisoner-of-war camp, was retracing the route he took when he suc-ceeded in escaping from Thiringia in 1941 after two

failed attempts.

He met Herr Brandt after visiting Rudolstadt, where he was brought after being taken prisoner in June, 1940.

Groups of East Germans were

Groups of East Germans were reported to have waited for M Mitterrand hoping that Herr Brandt would also come. It was at Erfurt, not far from Rudolstadt, that Herr Brandt, then West German Chancellor, was cheered by East Germans during a meeting with the East German varty leader. the East German party leader.

After meeting each other After meeting each other Herr Brandt and M Mitterrand passed the inter-German border checkpoint and continued their trip through West Germany.
West German correspondents accredited to East Germany

German authorities to be pre-sent at the meeting of the two politicious on the ground that it was a private affair.

set example for Europe

From David Cross
Washington, March 5
Before "twisting the arms" of the West Europeans to increase their military spending, the United States should con-

centrate first on setting an example by upgrading its own defences. Senator John Tower, the chairman of the Senate February 24 which caused at least 18 death.

Professor Ioannis Drakopoulos, the head of the Geodynamic Institute of the observatory, said that last night's strong tremor implied a discharge of pent-up geological energy which should result in limiting the number and intensity of the aftershocks. "The likelihood of another tremor of the magniarmed services committee, said today.

But, he told a breakfast news conference organized by Foreign Policy magazine, he had no doubt that once the United States had acted to increase its defence spending, "then we will be urging Europe to do more". Senator Tower, a Republican

another tremor of the magni-tude of last week's earthquake is extremely limited ", he said. There is, however, some con-Senator Tower, a Republican halk from Texas who took over the chairmanship of the powerful Senate armed services committee from the Democrats at the beginning of the year, was responding to reporters' questions about the plans announced yesterday by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, to increase the defence budget annually by 7 per cent in real tearms over the next five years.

The senator made it clear cern because the epicentre of the earthquakes, situated in the Gulf of Corinth, has evidently shifted nearly 10 miles in the direction of Athens.

Reports that last night's earthquake had caused ridal waves along the Cocinth coast, could not be confirmed.

The British Government, Seismologists have been trying to reassure the public by insisting that these are merely aftershocks of the violent earthquake victims, is sending aftershocks of the violent earthquake measuring 6.6 degrees on shelter for the homeless. The senator made it clear that although the new Administration had suppressed its public criticism of the Europeans for not doing more to boost their defence spending for the time being, there remained considerable criticism among his colleagues in Congress, about the nood performgress about the pood performance of the allies. He recognized, however, that some The Hague, March 5.—The motions today, one "regretting" the Government's decision and a tougher motion
ally accepted the Government's
decision to approve the sale of
the submariance to Triman European countries had political as well as economic

US urged to Storm over tribute to Dönitz by Army union From Patricia Clough

Bonn, March 5

soldiers' trade union has in-curred the wrath of the Bundes-wehr chief by criticizing the ban on military uniforms at the funeral of Hitler's successor, Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz. The Bundeswehreerband, which represents 250,000 present and former members of the

armed forces, caused a stir with a tribute to Admiral Dönitz in last month's edition of its magazine, Die Bundeswehr. "Honoured by his men, es-

teemed by the enemy, almost forgotten in his own land", it said, "Dönitz will go into his-tory as a great military leader."

It criticized the Defence Minister's ban on uniforms at the admiral's funeral on January 6 as "making the citizens in uniform who wanted to pay a last priouse to the deceased invisible and insecure". Disciplinary proceedings are in progress against two reserve officers who defied the ban. Admiral Dönitz, architect of

the submarine war against Britain, was the last commander of the wartime German Navy and after Hitler's suicide he became the head of the doomed Third Reich.

Herr Hans Apel, the Defence
Minister, forbade uniforms at
his funeral because he was not

only a soldier but a leading figure in the Nazi state. Dönitz "never left any doubt that he identified with the aims of National Socialism", he said.

Herr Erwin Horn, deputy chairman of the Bundestag

defence committee, said the tribute was in "extreme bad taste". Between 20 and 30 mem-bers have resigned from the

bers have resigned from the union in protest.
General Jürgen Brant, general inspector or chief of the Bundeswebr, wrote a sharp letter to the organization saying he was "surprised and shocked" at the "one-sided and polemic" profest.
Some members, he said, might remember Dönitz for saving thousands of refugees fleeing from the east, but others would see him primarily as one of

see him primarily as one of Hitler's followers whose lack of critical thought had made the war possible in the first place. war possible in the first place. The attitude of the Bundeswehrverband was "appalling" considering that it did not devote a single line to the death last year of Dr Fabrian von Schlabrendorff, a leading member of the June 20, 1944, assassination plot against Hitler. Herr Peter Raabe, spokesman for the Bundeswehrverband, said this month's edition of the union magazine will carry the full text of Herr Apel's statement on the uniform ban and

full text of Herr Apel's statement on the uniform ban and
a few lines clearing up "misunderstandings".

The union did not intend to
make Dönitz a model for the
Bundeswehr but protested
against a growing tendency by
the ministry to "hide" the
armed forces by forbidding
members to wear uniforms on
don-official occasions.

"We are not in favour of

"We are not in favour of people going to the funeral in uniform but we are against them being forbidden to do so",

were not permitted by the East

Dutch optimistic about EEC farm budget cuts experts, his remarks illustrate

challenge the Government China then put pressure on The Netherlands. The lower chamber of the arliament defeated two

the two submarines.

Rome court of aiding terrorists

ted material from terrorists groups such as the Red Brigades.

The four, including two lawyers, were charged with supporting terrorists groups by publishing the documents

Judge Sergio Sorichilli ruled that the publication of the documents by Sienira Giovanna Lombardi and Signor Eduardo di Giovanni, both lawyers, and two other men who ran the magazine did not constitute a

From Michael Hornsby
The Hague, March 5

EEC expenditure on agriculture, long one of the main targets of anti-market opinion, could be brought down from 70

Der cent to 60 per cent or less of the Community budget over the next two or three years without big structurel reforms, it was claimed today.

This clightly optimistic prog-

without big structural retorms, it was claimed today.

This slightly optimistic prognous was offered by Mr Gerrit Braks, the Dutch Agriculture Minister and current president of the EEC's Council of Agriculture Ministers, in an interview here with foreign journative where with foreign journative here with foreign of the Community here with foreign of the cost of fertilizer would also remove when output passes a certain tax can be levied to timance Expenditure and output passes a certain the community here.

Mr Braks made it clear that he regarded the dairy sector as the only one suffering chronic overproduction, and that it recently that the regarded the dairy sector as the only one suffering chronic overproduction, and that it recently that the regarded the dairy sector as the only one suffering chronic overproduction, and that it recently that the regarded the dairy sector as the only one suffering chronic overproduction, and that it recently that the community here were an interv Mr Braks says that the 60 restructuring of the Community per cent target could be budget, which could not be achieved even if this year's done without changing the basic

achieved even if this year's done without changing the basic principles of the common agritude at that its own proposals, which cultural policy."

Mr Braks said he was hopeful also include a 6 per cent reproduction were discarded.

The main basis for Mr Braks's optimism was his belief that world food prices were that world food prices were likely to remain relatively increase went into double.

The Commission estimates that its own proposals, which also include a 6 per cent revaluation of the British "green pound". could be financed within the expenditure planned for this year without resort to a supplementary budget.

Even though Mr Braks's view of future world market trends would be challenged by some

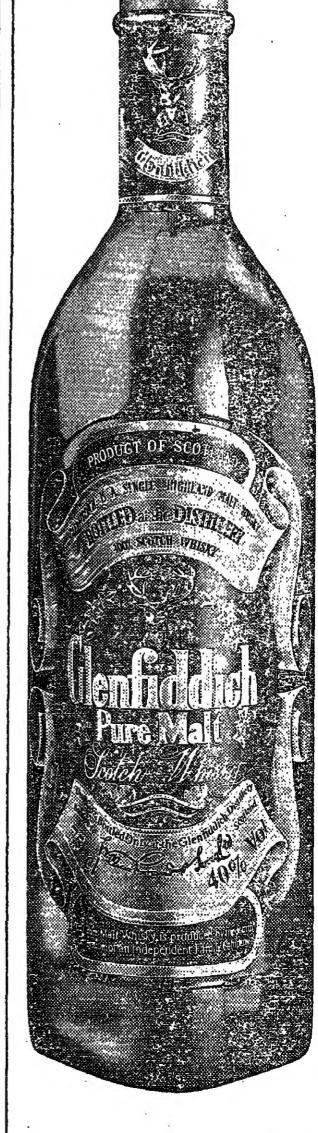
The Commission estimates

how the relaxation of financial pressure has changed the con-text in which budget and agri-gultural reform is being dis-

It is admitted in Brussels that there could be as much as £1,000m of "headroom" before the binding 1 per cent limit on

years ahead.

Mr Braks also disclosed that he is flying to Italy tomorrow in an attempt to persuade the Government there to lift its reservation on the package of measures agreed by EEC agriculture ministers in principle last month, which include new arrangements for the export of New Zealand butter to Britain.



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two submarines to Taiwan.

Parliament

The outcome had been clear since last Thursday, when dissidents within the Christian Democratic Party of the ruling

coalition said they would not

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narrowly approved the Cabinet's

decision to grant an export per-mit to the Rijn-Schelde-Verolme shipyard in Rotterdam, which is negotiating a 1,000m-guilder (about £200m) deal including

Rome, March 5 .- Four people were found not guilty by a Rome court today of crimes against the state in publishing a magazine that regularly prin-

Yesterday's important meeting between the Soviet leader-hip and Polish party leaders s regarded in Moscow as clear vidence that the Russians now ntend to put strong pressure on the Polish leaders to take to philsh leaders to take to tougher line in restoring hings to normal. But a dangerous confusion has arisen over he translation of a key phrase n yesterday's lengthy communications.

Mr Stanislaw Kania, the Polish party leader, General Vojciech Jaruzelski, the Prime linister, and other leading igures in the Polish party gave in undertaking to the senior nembers of the Soviet Politburo of act swiftly to overcome parks and diserrar in Poland narchy and disarray in Poland nd to strengthen the socialsit

At the same time the Rus-ians said they were confident that Polish communists have he possibilities and strength to urn the course of events, to liminate the dangers hanging ver the socialist gains of the

In the Russian Text the word sed for "turning" the course f events can also be translated low of events But in the Polish ext it translates more accur-tely as "reversing" the course - a far stronger demand, which uggests that the Russians are specting the Polish leadership o tear up its agreements with olidarity, the independent rade union, and to go back to he situation prevailing before he beginning of the Polish crisis ast summer. In Russian the atra word "back" would be eeded to convey that impres-

that Moscow would indeed like which are unacceptable to orthodox Soviet communism, it is thought unlikely here that the Soviet leadership would demand that the Polish party should piedge itself to do something that would certainly provoke a serious new crisis in the

Nevertheless, there is no doubt that the Russians, led by President Brezhnev, had some straight talking with Mr Kania and his colleagues. Moscow has already made the serious public allegation that counter-revolu-tion is engulfing Poland, and the communique emphatically restated the so-called Brezhnev doctrine of limited sovereignty, saying that the defence of communism in one country was the concern of all other fraternal communist countries.

With that congress out of the way, however, and given the public endorsement of Soviet declarations during it that Moscow would "not abandon its ally in its hour of need," the Russians may now feel they have a freer hand to concentrate on the Polish crisis.

The prominence given by the

East German press this morning to yesterday's meeting suggests that the Soviet side put forward some tough demands for some tough demands for immediate action by the Polish party—action that the hard-line East Germans have long been calling for.

And the inclusion in the Soviet side of such figures as Mr Mikhail Suslov, the veteran ideologue, Mr Yuri Andropov, the head of the KGR security the head of the KGR security.

the bead of the KGB security forces, and Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, the Minister of Defence is a clear indication of ion. the areas the Russians feel are The nuance is of some signi-icance. For though it is clear Poland.

Kania problems over rank-and-file demands

rom Dessa Trevisan

Yarsaw, March 5 Mc Stanislav Kania, the Polish arty leader, and General Vojciech Jaruzelski, the Prime inister, returned from Moscow ast night with the Soviet adership's extended trust in he Polish Communists' capa-ility to "reverse the course of ", but also with an impliit note of warning that the oviet leaders expect them to nove faster and more decisively gainst what Moscow regards as

dangerous trend. This gives the Poles the ecessary time bur it also in-reases the pressure from the Varsaw Pact countries in whose ame President Breznev was peaking.

Moscow evidently expects the olish party to assert itself iore forcefully after months of

olitical paralysis.
This is precisely where Mr ania faces the most serious roblem with his party's rank and fire agitating for profound emocratic reforms and floodng the leadership with deands for structural and statuory changes that would enable he membership to control and ofluence the leadership's poli-

ignore the demands

Japan little

loss of jobs

continued from page 1 he final assembly of a new

teneration of automatic robots

which are being snapped up by

Fujitsu estimates that a con-entional plant would have to

employ five times as many vorkers to produce the same number of complicated robots.

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o produce four times as many

obots and automatic machine-

ools with only 200 employees, about one fourteenth of the

vorkforce required in a normal

The president of Fujitsu

mys the company's ultimate tim is to build another robot

y 1985 which will completely seemble the finished product. That is my dream", he says

Much to the consternation of the West's embattled indus-

rialists, this new generation of

ohots and automated machine-

only is expected to increase the productivity of Japan's already

Yet while boasting of the corld's most highly automated ndustrial plants Japan has only 1 2 per cent rate of unemploy.

nent, the lowest among the

In fact, the trade unions here

nave not resisted the introduc-

tion of robots and new tech-rology which have eliminated

as automatic equipment which

democracies.

leading industrial

lots a month.

Robots bring | Mr Shamir

'apan's efficient industrial over the status of Jerusalem and its holy places are expected to recemerge in Rome

risk losing the base especially as the strongest pressures for changes come from party changes come from party groups in industrial enterprises and from the workers them-

Preparations for the party congress proceed in a highly politicized atmosphere in which base is challenging the whole structure of "democra-tic centralism" and agreement will obviously demand much time to be achieved.

The response to General Jaruzelski's call for a 90-day truce in labour relations has been good but the truce is fragile and can be easily upset, especially as food shortages are increasing and the queues for basic commodities become

longer each day.
In Poznan a meeting of Rural Solidarity has been called for Sunday to press for formul recognition of the peasants'

In what appears to be a sign that the authorities have decided to take a tougher line to-wards dissidents. Mr Jacek Kuron, leader of the Self-Defence Committee KOR, was to-day ordered by the police to be available for questioning on charges of slandering the state.

to meet

Jerusalem, March 5

Pope today

From Christopher Walker

Traditional differences be-

tween the Vatican and Israel over the status of Jerusalem

ted to recemerge in Rome tomorrow when the Pope John

By Timothy Garton Ash
Like the silence of a truce
after prolonged fighting, the
peace which descended on

Intermittent sniping could be heard from the government trenches. But the main action moved eastward to Moscow, where Poland's fraternal allies solemnly declared their sort of solidarity with Mr Kania, the party leader, and west to Paris,. where Poland's capitalist creditors met behind closed doors.

Meanwhile a large package is being shunted back and forth

across the no-man's-land between Solidarity and the authorities, marked "Danger, High Explosive: Censorship" Both sides are aware just how explosive is the censorship During a turbulent discussion

in the heady days of the Gdansk shipyard occupation last August a young writer leapt to his feet demanding total abolition of

"Remember what happened when the Czechs abolished censorship in the summer of '68?" came the prompt reply from Mr Bogdan Lis, the young workers' leader who last weekend came to Britain at the invitation of

The censorship, a prominent literary critic admonished me, as the Warsaw Pact. Certainly the Soviet ambassador to Warsaw is known to have inter-vened to block or "correct"

reports in the Polish media.

The Poles also take censorship seriously. For example the censors' Central Office stipulates: "Absolutely no information is to be published about the Katowice mine disasters in which four miners lost their lives"; "All publications presenting statistics of safety and hygiene at work or occupa-tional diseases must be with-held and Figures illustrating the state and growth of alco-holism in the country are: not to appear in the mass media".

These examples are taken from 600 pages smuggled out by a disillusioned censor in 1977 (The Times, September 26 and 27, 1977).

Copies were resmuggled back copies were resintague back into Poland where they were published by the opposition Social Self-Defence Committee-KOR and read by, among others, workers in the Baltic ports. Which is why freedom of expression came immediately after the right to form free trade unions and the right to strike in the Gdansk demands. The Gdansk agreement of August 31 stated that a new censorship law should be presented to Parliament within

Six months later a par-liamentary commission is still



Information service: People crowd into a Solidarity office in Warsaw in search of advice and the daily news-letter.

separate projects: a govern-ment scheme prepared by the Ministry of Justice and an inde-pendent draft prepared by a committee repre journalists and film-makers.

Although the secretaries of the Writers Union and the PEN club emphasize their opposition to ceasorship in principle, they agree that in practice Poland's geopolitical position makes some restrictions unavoidable.

The country's system of alliances, its constitution (en-shrining socialism), state, military and economic secrets must he counted among the herd of

The argument now revolves around the definition of these prohibited areas. In the original government draft the definitions were so elastic as to permit the operation of the censorship much as before. The authorities are also stubbornly refusing to place the censor's office under parliamentary

But they have conceded a measure of judicial supervision and censors will be obliged to give written reasons for their decisions which can then be challenged in a court of law. They have also promised to drop the practice of censoring

the author rather than the text. Until recently it was forbidden so much as to mention the names of many exile and opposition writers in official

included the greatest living rities have promised that the Polish author (last year's offending works will be closed Nobel Prize winner, Czeslaw —an example of what can hapmilosz, for example) will be pen if you unmuzzle the press. But since Mr Stefan Olszow. Already the unmentionables have been mentioned and the unpublishable published in the

main interary and political tense first wee
weeklies. The books will take (when Warsaw I
longer to appear.
Such is the popular hunger
for truthful information in muzzled again.

Spate of Solidarity publications helps to slake thirst for truthful information

Polish battle lines form over explosive censorship issue

remarked, men do not live by bread alone, especially when

they have none.
In Poland the supply of truth, like that of meat, varies greatly from day to day and place to place although it is everywhere less than adequate. What I can write in Cracow can't write in Warsaw, what could write yesterday I can't a party journalist

complains. The Cracow party newspaper, along with those on the Baltic coast, is among the most audacious. Under a new editor it took up an environmentalist campaign last autumn against the Huta Skawina aluminium works near by.

Pollutants from Huta Skawina have been poisoning the air and Six months later a par-publications.

liamentary commission is still

This long blacklist of literary which combines the charms of struggling to amalgamate two unpersons, which incidentally Oxford and Vienna. The autho-

ski, a powerful opponent of Mr Kania in the Polithuro, took over this responsibility in the tense first week of December (when Warsaw Pact troops were

mobilized on Poland's frontiers) the media have been firmly Poland today that there are queues at the newspaper kiosks as long as those outside the butchers' shops.

Arguably, the demand for truth is closely related to the supply of foad. As the German philosopher Ernest Bloch once remarked, men do not live by members of Solidarite

Mr Olszowski on the side of the regime and, on the union side, the printers; sbout 50,000 of the country's 60,000 printers are members of Solidarity.

Their militancy has been nourished by years of reading uncensored first proofs. They are now threatening to leave blank spaces wherever the censor has been at work, a tactic used to great effect by their forebears under the Tsars.

their forebears under the Tsars.
Then there is the knotty
question of the spate of publications "without the censor-(as the opposition careship" (as the opposition carefully describes them). This includes Solidarity newsheets, bulletins, broadsheets and circulars which are duplicated, mimeographed, or increasingly, run off on off-set printing machines donated by Western trade unions. Solidarity has even established its own national areas agrees.

press agency. Journals like Robotnik (' The Worker'), produced by opposition intellectuals and circulated

conspiratorially among the workers until August, have now come under the aegis of the

It is a curious experience for someone from Fleet Street to find trade unionists working day and night to introduce the latest labour-saving technology. In their Lodz agreement the students gained freedom from

censorship for a wide range of academic publications. And the peasants in Rzeszow were promised new school history textbooks which, as their manifesto simply put it, " would tell the truth".

The fact that the rural strikers included this among their demands shows once again that interest in the issue is by means confined to the intelligentsia.

But, if a new censorship law does finally reach the statute book it will not solve the problem of access for the independent unions to the state-con-trolled mass media, and that of their own alternative media.

Mr Jan Józef Szczepanski, recently elected secretary of the Writers' Union, points to a further difficulty. Under the present law unofficial publishers like the Nowa house which recently exhibited at the British Book Fair, can not be prosecuted. They can only be persecuted. It is possible that the new

by giving a clear legal definition of the unpublishable, would leave them open to

Iran unlikely to accept ceasefire in Gulf war

From Tony Allanay

Tehran, March 5 President Bani-Sadr toda; indicated that Iran would probably not accept the latest proably not accept the interest pro-posals for a ceasefule in the five-month Guli war with Iraq. He told a large public rally here that the Iranian Supreme Defence Council was still studying the proposals of a 12-man Islamic neare mission.

studying the proposals of a 12-man Islamic peace mission, which is currently shurtling between Tehran, Raghdad and Saudi Arabia. Fut Mr Hani-Sadr continued to insist on an immediate Iraqi withdrawal from Iran, simultaneous with any ceaselire.

any ceaselite.

According to proposals submitted by the Islamic mission to the two sides, a ceasefire would begin on March 12 with a withdrawal of Iraqi troops beginning on March and lasting four weeks.

The continuing hard line of Mr Bail-Sair supprised those

The continuing hard the of Mr Bani-Sadr surprised those close to the mission negotiators, representing seven Muslim countries and the PLO. They have said in private that officials—including the President—connected with Iran's war office had indicated a willingeffort had indicated a willing-ness for moderation.

Mr Bani-Sadr today blomed his enemies for spreading the

rumour "that I am a supporter of compromise with the enemy... I undertake in your presence that we will resist in this war until victory".

Informed sources said, how-ever, that while the President might want a speedy end to the war to concentrate on the inter-nal political front, his room to manoeuvre was narrow in the face of open hostility to the negotiations from Iran's powerful Islantic fundamentalists.
An indication of this came

today with a strong statement from Ayatolian Hossein Montaveri, currently regarded as the most likely successor in Aya-tollah Khomeini as the country's religious leader. In a letter to the Supreme

Defence Council, broadcast ha the state radio, the Ayatolish warned that Iranium would accept nothing less than the overthrow of President Saddem Husain of Iraq, and his tria and punishment Savage violence: Scores of in-

juries were reported today as supporters of Mr Bani-Sadr turned the tables on gange of Muslim fundamentalists who rally at Tehran University. In some of the most vavage violence seen since last sum-mer, "Heshollahis" or sumporters of the "Party of God" were mercilessly heaten by crowds who had come to hear a speech by the President, About 100,000 people had for the rally

'Doves' losing El Salvador fight

From David Cross Washington, March 5

The doves in Congress appear to be losing their vigorous, but limited battle to restrict in-American military aid

to El Salvador. Senator Alan Cranston, the Democratic Whip in the Upper House, has conceded that continuing criticism by liberal Congress of the Administration's latest plans to send an extra 20 American military advisers and \$25m (£12m) worth of aid to the Government in San Salvador will probably not deter President Reagan and Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary

Nevertheless a small, vocal group of about 40 liberal Democrats in the House of Representatives are persisting with their efforts to prevent Washington from making the conflict in the tiny Central American republic a "Test of wills" between the two superpowers. Mr Benjamia Rosenthal, a Democratic Congressman from New York, said that such a test was "mistaken

ever, contends that the latest

aid for El Salvador falls out-

side the scope of the War Powers Act. It argues that the 20 extra military personnel are

instructors rather than advisers. Their job is to teach people

how to use equipment not how to fight a war, a State Depart-ment official has explained.

Most members of Congress, including many moderate Demo-

crats, appear to agree with the Administration's rationale for

sending extra military aid to

ler them influence the course of events inordinately in Central America, Senator John Tower, chairman of the Senate

armed services committee ex-

mitment of American aid to El

Salvador will depend "largely on the willingness of Cuba and

the Soviet Union to continue to

intervene illegally in the events

plained today.

limited.

The United States had to convince the Soviet Union and Cuba that it did not intend "10

gives an audience to Mr Yirzhak Shamir, Israel's hardline Foreign Minister. The controversial meeting and provocative."

Mr Richard Ottinger, another has been arranged at Israel's member of the House of Repre-sentatives, of New York, is tryrequest and will be the first an Israel Covernment minister. ing to force the Administration In the past a small number of to seek the approval of Congress before the extra military leading Israelis have been granted papal audiences, includaid can be sent to the Governing Mr Moshe Davan in 1977 ment of El Salvador. Yesterday, he introduced a draft resolution secking to require the President to comply

and the late Mrs Golda Meir in 1973. A spokesman for the Israell Foreign Ministry explained today that his Government with the War Powers Act, which was introduced in 1973 to pre-vent another Vietnam, "To allow the President to commit recognized the importance of maintaining "cordial contact" with the papacy, although the military personnel to El Salva-dor while ignoring the act Vatican had never recognized Israel "de facto or de jure" would be a great setback to the and the two states have no formal diplomatic ties. democratic process," Mr Ottinger said. The State Department, how-

tightly efficient plants by 70 per 27 prisoners tent in the 1980s. burnt to death in Peru

Lima, March 5.-Twentyseven prisoners were burnt to death in a prison riot here today when a gang of inmares doused their locked cells with

Ninetecn prisoners were also According to the Japan Robot
Association, 60.000 sophisticated stabbed with homemade knives or severely burnt in the fight at the three-storey concrete building in central Lima, which robots are turning nut high quality cars, cheap electronic

building in central Lima, which was designed to house 250 but had a population of 1,096.

Señor José Vásquez Estremadoyro, director general of the prison system, said a fist and knife fight between two rival gangs broke out yesterday evening and guards fired machine guns into the air to diverse equipment, new robots and other industrial products American industrial plants possess a mere 3.000 sophistiated industrial robors, defined can perform more than one function. West Germany, one guns into the air to disperse

of the world's leading indus-trial powers, is equipped with The fighting resumed and more than 100 inmates not in-volved in the dispute took 850 robots and Britain Reflection the view of the trade using Mr Seigo Kojima.

Reflection the view of the trade using the view of th ncil of Metal. Workers, said, preventing the inmates, s: "We need our robots, from escaping AP.





President Duarte denouncing the extreme right wing.

that communist behaviour on America's doorstep was "no longer acceptable or tolerable". German concern: Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, will advocate a dialogue between the two sides in the El Salvador conflict while in Washington next week, officials said today Patricia Clough writes from

Outside Congress, opposition by the general public to American intervention in El Salvador has been equally limited. At the same time the two hig West German political parties are continuing their efforts to not the two sides together for talks.
The German aims, prompted Meanwhile, Mr Haig has told reporters that the future com-

by fear of an East-West conflict in Latin America, diverge from the United States policy of firmly backing the centre-right iunta of President Jose Napoleon Duarte, High-ranking

in this hemisphere. He Government sources said the reiterated his earlier warnings subject wil lneed "very careful handling ".

Originally, the sources said the West German government feared that tse United States, alarmed by communist en-croachment on its diorstep would react with what they called "a western Afghani-

called "a wastain".

Such a move, which they emphasized would have been "a reverse Afghanistan rather than a second Viernam", would have had "devastating consented by the had "devastating consented by image in the Third World and elsewhere, and for East-West relations.

These points were put to Mr tight the process were eventually to result in a popular but clearly not a communist of clearly not

ago to put American views on El Salvador.

Five shots flush out America

From Michael Leapman San Salvador, March 5

The curious events of the last two days here have served to crystallize the positions of some of the main participants in this small country's convoluted The Americans have now come down unequivocally in

favour of the moderate re-formism of President José Napoleon Duarte and against the excesses of the extreme right. That there should have been any doubt where the Americans stood derived from the impression given by mem-bers of President Reagan's Administration that defeating global communism was an object so important for the Inited States that almost any. thing would be countenanced in

Señor Roberto d'Aubuisson, the former national guard major who began the chain of events on Tuesday, says that he thought he had received that message. He called a "secret" press conference to announce that things looked favourable for a far-right coup and to indicate that he expected

American support for it.

The excessively conspiratorial arrangements for the conference would have been laughable—a kind of "Dads' insurgency"— were it not that the extreme right does appear to be genuinely vicious and to have support from rich busi-nessmen and army officers. President Duart took him

seriously enough to denounce him and all plotters at his press conference yesterday and to declare that he had issued a warrant for his arrest. As he was making this announcement the event occurred which flushed the Americans from their public indecision. Men in an open lorry, cruising past the American embassy, fired five shots, doing hardly

any damage and injuring no-hody. On what seemed the flimsiest of vidence the ambassador, Mr Frederick Chapin, blamed followers of Señor d'Abuisson. He made a firm deunciation of any coup plans and a statement of the plans and a statement of sup-port for a Senor Duarte. Parallel with this, there has heen talk this week of a "dialogue" between the "dialogue" between the Duarte Government and the left-wing rebels. Such an idea is

the Americans might live with

Another Beirut link is broken by snipers

Beirut, March 5

A lone motorist risked the Sodeco crossing point from east to west Beirut this afternoon. old dual carriageway, swerving wildly between weed-covered pavements and bullet-pocked lamp posts in a baze of brown dust.

There was a crackle of rifle fire as Beirut's traditionally anonymous snipers tried vainly to smash the driver's Icarus-like self-confidence. But he made it to the cover of Becharra el-Khoury Street in seven seconds flat. Until three weeks ago, the

Sodeco shopping centre, a damaged set of offices boasting a row of slightly dated boundars, marked the safest transit point between Muslim and Christian Beirut, a thoroughfare whose dings and scarred apartment blocks were given some semblance of order by the neatly sand-hagged check point of the Lebanese Army at the eastern end of the

street. The sandhags were still there this afternoon, surmounted by two tiny Lebanese flugs-all red stripes and cedar trees-but the soldiers were nowhere

And nor, of course, were the snipers. Their identity has become something of a talking point in Beirut since the Sodeco road was declared unsafe by the local gendarmerie. For the closure of the street has extended Beirut's sectarian isolation a further mile and a half across the centre of the

The longest but fastest route from east to west—an ugly four-lane flyover near the port —has been closed for more than a year because gunnen sitting inside the ruined factu-ries and shops have shot at every motorist trying to use the road. Now the only main road road. Now the only main road still opens traverses the old civil war frontline at the Classi-cal Museum, currently the scene of spectacular three-mile,

scene or average jams.

I shanese Government, who earnestly and daily debote the problems of Beirut's miniature war, seem to have no idea who is shooting at the innocent travellers along the Sodeco road nor why they should attack civilians in so

savage a manner.

Among the eight deaths to be recorded there in the past three weeks is that of a seven-year-old girl who was hit by a sniper's bullet while travelling in ber father's car post the end of the street, and two young men who were picked off last week as they walked past the local offices of the Finance Ministry's revenue department in search Becharra el-Khoury.

The Syrian Army, which amount intitionally controls most of west signed.

Beirut, blames the Christian Maronite militias—in namucular, the Phalangists of Mr Eastir Gemayel-for the shooting, claiming that the militias are A middle-aged man, he drove his black limousine along the attempts to isolate themselves from the rest of Lebanon and divide the country.

Phalangist snipers have certainly been operating around the port for many months and their after-dark battles with Syrian-officered guerrillas of the Palestine Liberation Army near the harbour—a series of nightly thumps and bangs that rumble over the city-have long been a part of Beirur's more routine violence.

The militius-or the "Lebanese Forces, as they prefer to call themselves—say that Pales-tinian and Syrian snipers are responsible for the snorting at Sodeco. The official Phalangist spokesman suggested rather darkly today that the Syrians wanted the violence to continue in Beirut so that they could find good reason to keep their army in Lebanon.

Aware that President Sarks: of Lobanon is to meet President Assad of Syria next week, the Syrians had deliberately esca-lated the fighting between east

and west Beirgt.
According to the Phalangists. President Assad could then be able to deescalate the Sodeco sniping without suppressing the battles elsewhere in the capital and Mr Barkis would be able to declare that the struction had improved while his Syrian counterpart would cill find anod reason to keep his troops in the city, In Lebenon, violence be-

comes enormously conspiratortal wh enthe authorities lose their crip—as they goually do in Beirut, despite all their brave attempts to keep control. The fact remains that since the civil war ended, no one has ever positively identified the suppers who line the city's

transit routes.

The only consistent thing about the whole business has been the persistence of Beirut's more foolhardy travellers in driving in the Phadow of death along the city's cust-west car-

riageways. A motor cyclist was about to try the west-to-east journey past Sodeco this afternoon and those of us in Becharra el-Khoury Sizent saw him, head down and foot on the eaccelerator, start his journey towards the infamous shapping centre. But no one writed to find out what happened on his lenely journey.

German loan for India Della, March 5, - West Germany today pledged India funds to senting a drep set re-search a seel. An agreement providing for a loan and grant amounting to £15m has been

FOREIGN REPORT

Stormy journey towards adoption of

EEC fisheries policy

place, or to be using illegal gear, a naval vessel may be sent to it.

All information given to the unarmed boarding parties, including remarks made by the shippers of fishing boats, is

sent back to the operations room. One such report, trans-round last month, reads: "Skipper said best fishing this

area for a year. Where are the British boats? The answer was that they were in port as their owners were protesting at being undercut by cheap catches from abroad.

Another naval vessel was

sent to investigate a trawler which appeared to be fishing in an area where catches are banned. As it closed, all lights

on the trawler were turned off. Repeated radio messages to the trawler went unanswered for 25 minutes, Eventually the

naval crew picked out the name of the trawler with a

searchlight. It was owned by a British company and based in

British company and based in a British port.
Widespread publicity about breaches of fishing rules by boats based abroad implies that British skippers fish by the book. But the operations rnom staff know that British crews, hardened by dodging Icelandic surveillance in successive cod wars, are far from

cessive cod wars, are far from innocent. It is the independent

boat-owner from the Continent who is more likely to be in-

timidated by the large military aircraft which keeps flying

Hugh Clayton

South Korea assured of British support for its defence policies

From Jacqueline Reditt Seoul, March 5

The British Government and President Chun Doo liwan ai South Korea hold very similar views on the defence of prothe Sovier Union and North korea. Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, told a press conference in Separation for the first three control to the first three control of the first three contro in Scoul today.

Mr Blaker was in Seoul to represent the British Govern-ment at the recent inauguration of President Chun.

tle told the press that he had delivered a letter from Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the British Prime Minister, to the South Korean President and that he and General Chun had discussed international offairs and found British and Korean government attitudes very similar.

It was increasingly evident, he went on, that the countries of the free world were dependent on one another so that political and economic coopera-Eurea was important,

ivon-communist countries had to maintain their defence, build un strong economies, cooper-ate economically and politically and make it clear to the Soviet Union that aggression did not

Mr Blaker confirmed that Britain would certainly be pre-pared to sell military equip-ment to South Koren and said that the Hawk trainer ground arrack aircraft and the Rapier anti-air defence missile would be particularly suitable. He also augranteed that Eritain would not export any military equipment to North Korea.

Aid released for

Washington, March 5,-President Reagan has decided to release about £4,500m in

House press secretary, said the money would be used for

scholarships and youth centres for underprivileged black children in the southern city.

Tanzania faces famine

Dor es Saleam, March 5 .---resident Nyere of Tanzania has

said that thousands of his countrymen might die of hunger next

year because of a lack of food due to adverse weather. The four lake regions — Mwanza, Mara, Qinyanga and Kagera— faced a very bad food situation.

New York, March 5.—Two Englishment have been sen-tenced to between two and four

years in jail each for stealing

from two Manhattan jewelry stores. They are Desmond Robertson, aged 49, of Middle-

sex, and Brian Kutner, aged 50,

Geneva, March 5 .- The Soviet

Union has been condemned by the International Labour Organi

zation for not permitting free trade unions to function. The

Pussians told the organization

that various individuals, who

were now in prison or in clinics in the Soviet Union, were not surbentic trade unionists.

Tokyo, March 5.—All nine sailors who were killed on a Soviet nuclear submarine off

the southern Japanese island of

Okinawa last August were suffo

cated by the ship's fire-fighting

system, Soviet sources said here

Bangkok, March 5.—Inter-national relief agencies at a New York meeting tomorrow will state that £57.7m is still

needed to prevent Kampuchea sliding back into disaster this

Windhoek, March 5.-South

Airican security forces killed

73 Swapo guerrillas in the northern part of Namiba during February, according to an army statement.

Bogora, March 5.—The Colom-

bian Congress has approved an amnesty Bill for left-wing

Bill for

guerrillas in a move to end

sion of six Americans from

Mozambique.
The Mozambique Foreign

Ministry vesterday ordered four American diplomats and

the wives of two of them to

leave the country within 48

hours, accusing them of "espio-nage, subversion and interfer-ence in Mozambique's affairs".

Department spokesmun, said:

to comment on these matters. However, I would like to draw

attention to some extraordinary

to Maputo of a very senior member of the Cuban counter-intelligence organization, Cuban

officials staged a blatant con-

frontation with our embassy only hours before the Foreign

Minister informed the members

of our diplomatic mission that

they were requested to leave the country in 48 hours."

The State Department was

We are aware of the visit

circumstances in the case.

Mr Joseph Reap, the State

It is not our normal practice

Swapo toll put at 73

Colombia amnesty

violence in the country.

More funds needed

Sailors suffocated

Russians condemned

Englishmen jailed

Atlanta blacks

In brief

ment vas satisfied that democracy had been restored in South Karra. Mr Blaker said that his Government welcomed the fact that elements had been that how internal aftairs were

that how internal matters were .

The Stouth Eurean Gavernment today announced that a general election would be held general election would be held on March 25. The first him that the election will not be exactly open to all comers, came with the news that the deposit for political party nominoes will be nearly \$5,000 and for independent candidates about \$10,000. These deposits will be forfeited to the Government of a candidate fails to win at least one third of the votes. Such measures will certainly re-

Such measures will certainly re-duce the number of candidates. As the election campaign gets under way, the Democratic Justice Party is the clear favourite. With President Chun as its

With President Chun as its leader, the party cannot fail to benefit from the continual publicity and increasing adulation he has been receiving.

The President's photograph has appeared almost every day on the from pages of the newspapers, and many columns and special supplements have been devoted in him. In a recent though presented at a cultural poem presented at a cultural programme of the inauguration programme of the inaugoration coremony, he was referred to as the "wi-e and trusted helms-man"—un expression China watchers once associated with Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

UN staff in Uganda threatened with death

From Charles Harrison Naitubi, March 5

United Nations employees in Uganda have been threatened with murder or kidnapping by one of several underground groups operating against the Government of President Milton Obote, UN officials said today.

United Nations offices in managed was a matter for while officials sought assurances from the Covernment that protection would be provided for the Organization's 100 em-ployees in Uganda. Demands have been made in letters and relephone calls to the United Nations office that the organiza-tion should cease supporting the Obote Government.

One of the underground groups, calling itself the Movement for the Support of Prople's Rights, claimed today that it had killed 19 Tanzanian in two ambushes on a main rout morth of Kampala. The move-ment says its aim is to over-throw the Obste Government because the December election was rigged.

Another underground group the Uganda Freedom Movement luims to have organized the de fection of several hundred Ugandan troops.

An assistant minister acknow-ledged the existence of the anti-government groups when he urged young people not to join. President Obote insists that

the rebels have no significant following, and are a small group of dissidents. But diplomatic sources say the undercurrent of unrest and dissent is wide

28 flown from hijack ordeal in Kabul

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad, March 5

A group of 28 passengers, mainly women and children, federal aid for programmes to help blacks in Atlanta, where 19 black children bave recently who were released at Kabul airport yesterday by the hijackers of a Pakistani aircraft, were flown to Peshawar this after-

been murdered.
Mr James Brady, the White They were told by the Ministry of Defence to speak cautiously about their four-day ordeal because the remaining 120 passengers and crew were still being held in the hijacked

According to witnesses in Peshawar, the freed women and children appeared to be highly emotional. Some cried hysterically and others knelt down and prayed in thanksgiving for their sale deliverance from the hijockers, who forced the Pakistan International Airlines aircraft, which was on a domestic flight from Karachi to Pesha-war, to divert to Kabul on

at the airport as the representative of President Zia ul-Haq, who is due to return later to-night from his Islamic peace mission to the Cult. President mission to the Gulf.

Although the passengers were apparently forbidden to speak in detail about their experiences as prisoners in the Boeing 720, some of them said that they were not treated unkindly

by the hijackers.
The United States Embassy said there were two American women still on the aircraft and possibly the husband of one of

them.

There are believed to be three hijackers, apparently Pakistanis, who belong to a militant extremist pro-Bhutto group called Al-Zulfiqar. (Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto was the late Prime Minister of Pakistan.)

Pakistan has not said a word officially about the reported

officially about the reported conditions demanded by the hijackers for the release of the remaining passengers.

However, according to Kabul radio, the hijackers have demanded the release of all politi-cal prisoners in Pakistan, especially those who were arres-Lieutenant-General Fazle Haq, the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, was present at the airment for the restoration of

> It is believed that officials have been handlcupped in taking any decision over the bostages because of the absence of President Zia.

Canberra to restrict Russians

Canberra, March 5.—The Australian Government today tightened its restrictions on visitors from the Soviet Union. From now on, all Soviet visitors will have to submit a detailed itinerary before arrival and the Immigration Department must be notified if changes are proposed

A Government statement noted that the restrictions applying to Australians visiting the Soviet Union were considerably more stringent than the new arrangements applying to Soviet visitors.

Mr Malcolm Fraser, the

Prime Minister, told Parliament last night that Australian-Soviet relations would not return to normal until Soviet troops were withdrawn from Afghanistan.

The Australian restrictions came after Mc Fraser had criticized Mr Nikolai Sudarikov. the Soviet Ambassador, for his remarks to reporters that Australia's foreign policy was turning the country into a

nuclear target.

"The ambassador's remarks were foolish," Mr Fraser told Parliament.—Agence France-Presse, and UPI.

Cuba blamed for envoys' expulsion

Officials said they were un-

able at present to give further

details of the Cuban-American "confrontation" which, they

believed had led to the expul-

The four embassy staff mem-

bers were ordered out for alleged espionage activities, while the two wives were expelled for "carrying out support" for their husbands' work.

—UPI.

S African connexion: Mozam-

bique's decision to expel the

American diplomats who were

Intelligence Agency spy net-

work appears to be directly

linked to last January's raid by

South African troops against houses belonging to the African National Congress (ANC) outside Maputo (Nicholas Ashford

A Mozambican communique

claimed that an American spy

network, which had allegedly

writes from Johannesburg).

llegedly members of a Central

Washington, March 5.—The slso aware that a group of State Department accused Cuba today of creating a diplomatic incident which led to the expul-

sion order.

Search for compromise on Belize

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent Negotiations between Britain and Guatemala on the future of Belize opened in London ves-terday. The delegates agreed that nothing would be said about their discussions until

they were over. . . The central question is whether a compromise, wrapped up in an economic development programme Guatemaia, can be found between Guatemala's territorial claims on Belize and Belize's rejection, supported by Britain,

of any cession of territory. In a statement yesterday. Señor Castillo Valdez, the Guatembalan Foreign Minister, looked forward to a lasting, just, honourable and politically viable solution".

The positive tone of this statement supports the indications of progress evident in the recent talks at official level in Rights record: Gustemala had one of the worst human rights records in the western sphere last year, according to a study released by the Council Hemispheric Relations

exiested in Mozambique since

the country became independent in 1975, had passed on information to the South African

intelligence services about ANC

activities in Mozambique. It

was probable, the communique

said, that information provided

by the Americans had helped

the South Africans to pinpoint

the ANC houses in which 12

people were killed during the

Mapulo and Pretoria said today

that the Mozambican action

against the American diplo-

mats confirmed their fears that

last January's South African

raid would force Mozambique

to turn away from the West and establish closer ties with

Soviet-block countries, even

anxious to attract development aid and investment from the

American sources in Pretoria

said the expulsions followed an

abortive attempt by Cuban agents to recruit one of the

American diplomats as a spy.

Mozambique

Western

United States.

diplomats

Backers of Mr Trudeau

When a minesweeper or a re-connaissance aircraft sees a

fishing boat in British waters,

the details are sent back to the

operations room of the Mini-stry of Agriculture. The room is dominated by a large wall map which shows all 270,000 square miles of sea which fall within

the 200-mile national maritime zone which is attributed to Britain under international

Boats of different nationali-ties are identified on the map

by stickers of different colours.
The information is updated doily and stored in a card index.
The index offers ministers u

complete record of sightings

since 200-mile limits were estab-lished five years ago. It is now being superseded by a computer bank from which the

Government can extract a master chart showing the pattern of fishing by foreign yessels in British waters. The

information is costly to acquire, but of cardinal importance in the present round of bargaining in Brussels about an EEC common fisheries policy.

When ministers resume their debate they will concentrate on a semanage by which British

a compromise by which British

waters will be protected while boats from abroad are allowed to fish in those parts of the British, maritime zone where

they have congregated in the

The argument about "historic rights" is one of the most vexed of all in the long and

stormy process towards adopting a Community policy for sharing and policing the catching of fish in the waters of member states.



The standings in the 125-seat

legislature at the dissolution

were Conservatives 58 seats, Liberals 34, NDP 33. A recent opinion poll gave them 38 per cent of the popular

vote against 19 per cent for the Liberals, now the official Opposition, and 13 per cent for the socialist New Democratic Party (NDP).

Excluding undecided voters

and non-voters, and those who did not respond to the pollsters'

questions, the Tories have 54 per cent-enough for a com-fortable majority. The Liberals

have 27 per cent and the NDP.

the scale of Mount St Helens

between now and March 19,

the Conservatives will maintain the hold on office which they

have enjoyed uninterruptedly since 1943.

the NDP leader, lighting any fires of the kind that would be

necessary to sweep the well-entrenched Tories out of office.

It is a campaign that accords well with the images and armos-

people, content despite trying ment under a proposed board

The campaign has been rela-

18 per cent.



" Faithful to the end " : Ontario's emblem

Electing Conservative governments has long since become an ingrained habit with the people of Ontario, Cauada's most populous and most economically many regard as a father figure. No overriding issue has emerged, although the oppositions of the control of the c powerful province. And it looks as though the habit will be duly tion parties are doing their best to make campaign capital out of the growing number of plant closures, and increased unem-ployment, associated with the perpetuated in the provincial general election on March 19. In fact, indications are that the Tories under their Premier, Mr William Davis, will recover the absolute majority which cluded them in the last two elections, in 1975 and 1977.

ployment, associated recession.

Mr Smith, a 42-year-old psychiatrist fighting his first campaign as Liberal leader, has even gone so far as to announce that he will confine the continuous is sues.

himself to economic issues. back up his theme economic mismanagement. asserts that Ontario has fallen to last place among Canada's 10 provinces in terms of economic growth.

Whether this economic-woesand-nothing-else strategy is having the desired impact is doubtful. For one thing it has enabled Mr Davis, a former lawyer with 22 years of experience on the campaign trail, half of them as Premier, to nail Mr Smith with the nickname Dr Negative (in some versions Dr No). It has not exactly beloed the relative neophyte get his campaign

. In any event, barring an unlikely eruption of anti-government voter sentiment on off the ground. Mr Cassidy, aged 43, a former newspaper man also fighting his first campaign as leader, repeatedly talks about the 68 plant shutdowns in Ontario last year, affecting 30,000 workers. Mr Davis patiently counters with the argument that while tively tame, with neither Mr the Curario economy does have Stuart Smith, the Liberal its weak spots, it is performing leader, nor Mr Michael Cassidy, well in comparison with com-

peting industrialized regions just across the border in the United States. The Tories contrived, apparently with some success, to blunt the opposition ecopherics that the Tories' "big nomic attack in advance by unblue machine" is seeking to build around the election: of a well-off province of nine million scheme for economic develop-

Neither of the opposition parties is challenging Mr Davis very loudly on the energy and linguistic issues, because they know his stand is popular with the overwhelming majority of

All in all Ontario gives the appearance of being too wellbe in the mood for any political

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sightings of foreign travilers in 1989 Aceas trous which large travelers might ba excluded ATLANTIC OCEAN 102 NORTH SEA 202 145 37 CELTIC SEA

Shaded areas show waters from which large trawlers would be banned under a compromise put forward at last month's unsuccessful EEC fisherics meeting. Britain still hopes to secure a ban in much of the 50-mile limit round its northern coasts.

The inset shows part of a computerized master chart on which the Government has plotted the positions of all foreign trawlers spotted in British waters by fishermen, the Royal Navy and the RAF last year.

There is a heavy concentration of boats in several areas, including south-west England, while other waters are almost never fished. The chart will ensure that British ministers are better

equipped than their counterparts from the rest of the community to assess claims from abroad for rights to fish near this country's coasts. Such claims are based on the number of past voyages near Britain by foreign vessels.

Sources: Inset, Ministry of Agriculture; Map, Fishing

Indications are that Ontario's Tories will recover their absolute majority

An RAF Nimrod patrolling British waters in order to photograph and send back informa

tion to the Ministry of Information.

on the basis that there are no national waters, but only Com-

munity waters. The Community must find a compromise be-tween the aims of those British

fishermen who want a wide exclusive zone round British

coasts and those in other countries who want unrestricted

Compromise is asmed

restricting catching methods in

some waters while keeping foreign boats out of all areas except those on which they have depended for a living in the

past. One serious obstacle is to agree about precisely who has been accustomed to fish, and where they have done it.

The information collected by

the British ministry's operations room gives this country's nego-

tiators a clearer picture than anyone else of the extent and

position of traditional fishing.

If another Community gov-ernment claims that its fisher-

men have worked regularly in a particular section of British

waters, the operations room will be able to indicate whether

Surveillance is done by ships

and aircraft working together. An RAF Nimrod, which spots

a boat, will circle at about 200

knots and make several passes at about 400 feet while a mem-

ber of the crew photographs the boat with a hand-held

Detailed photography is diffi-

cult in such conditions, but it is often possible for the opera-tions room staff in Westminster

the claim is true.

access to those cousts.

The present half-way policy to pick out the names of boats will expire next year. The from photographs, If the boat European Commission operates appears to be in the wrong



Mr William Davis, Premier of Ontario

of industrial leadership and development. This is part of a wider Tory strategy to empha-size the promise of Ontario. The great issues dominating Canadian politics these daysthe federal Government's plan to bring home the constitution from Britain, and the battle etween Alberta and the federal Government over energy-bave scarcely caused a ripple in the

Ontario campaign. Mr Davis, very astutely from a narrow political standpoint, has broken with all but one of the other nine provincial premiers to get behind Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Liberal Prime Minister, on the constitutional

issue. Ontario, though it has a large French-speaking minority, is exempt from the compulsory bilingualism provisions of the proposed new constitution.

Though it cannot be proven, some political observers suspect there is more than a casual connexion between the two circumstances. Ontario is also the province

which gains most from Mr Trudeau's policy of keeping the price of Canadian oil-most of which is produced in Albertasheltered from world market forces and artificially low. The enormously helps Canada's industrial heartland, by making its manufactured products more competitive at home and abroad.

heeled and too complacent to convulsions this time round.

10 drug traffickers await their fate on Changi's death row

from his Changi prison cell in for them. the gaunt, grey, February dawn and hanged for trafficking in beroin. On death row 10 others await a similar fate, including two women.

son to die for trafficking io more than lor of pure heroin since Singapore made the death penalty mandatory for such an offence eight years ago. Like others before him, he had appealed to the Privy Council the republic.

Ong's appeals failed. Although there is no death penalty in maily if you are ill you tend to Britain the privy council will isolate yourself. The heroin intervence in Singapore only if users seek out company. They it feels there has been a misthere is no death penalty in carriage or abuse of justice. Mr Sheares has the power to

of heroin four years ago when the heroin epidemic in Singapore was at its height. Abusers of hard drugs can expect rigorous treatment. Traffickers can expect little mercy.

Looking at the figures for heroin addicts and users, one can see why. The beroin problem hit Singapore with burricane force. In 1972 there were four cases of heroin abuse and addiction. Four years later there were between 10,000 and 12,000 in one of the world's most densely populated countries which is the size of the Isle of Wight.

There were a number of reasons for the explosion. The ones familiar in the West: the desire to try something new; the feeling that if you have not tried the experience you are somehow outside the main stream. Singapore also had some reasons of its own: the high pressure to succeed on students : peer group pressure ; and, experts now admit, government policy towards heroin users.

In the early 1970s the main method of treatment for heroin addiction was clinical treatment with gradually reducing dosages of the drug until the intake was reduced to zero. Alternatively, methodone substitution was

After a six-month course with government-supplied drugs the former user was back on the street without money, Within a short space of time the drug John Best pushers were offering the former addicts a "percentage"

Mr Ong Ah Chuan was taken in heroin to do their marketing

The pressure to introduce more young people to the habit hecame a question of providing for the addict's own renewed needs. The use of heroin spread wo women.

like a monsoon flash-flood

Mr Ong was the seventh per-

Drug users were found in the Army. The police academy found that 13 of its recruits were heroin users. In 1974 five young girls were ence eight years ago. Like found taking heroin, le succeeding years the number ran into healed to the Privy Council hundreds. The Government London and to Mr launched Operation Ferrer 10 Benjamin Sheares, President of identify and isolate beroin users and pushers and take them into Like those of the others, Mr for treatment.

As one expert said: "Nor-

But in a society as small and compact as that in Singapore Mr Sheares has the power to grant a pardon.

Air Ong, aged 23 at the time, was found in possession of 70z effect on the future of a young person, so the Government moved to make the handling of such drug users as anonymous

> Suspects are given urine tests to see if they are drug users. One sample is held by the investigating authorities and the other by the suspect. The result may be appealed. If the urine test proves posi-

tive the user goes for compul-sory treatment, which now takes the form of an initial period of "cold turkey": recuperation, rehabilitation and then a period of strenuous physical exercise under military discipline. There is now an extensive

after-care operation run by about one thousand unpaid volunteers. Many of them are former inmates of the rehabilitation centre. The "cold turkey" method,

harsh though it is, has resulted in far fewer relanses by former heroin users and the epidemic of the 1970s seems to have been brought well under control with about a thousand hardcore addicts left.

Uniformed groups such as Scouts and Girl Guides go through training courses in the dangers of drug use to earn anti-drug badges and local community association involvement ensures that Singaporean society is effectively inculcated with the message.

Even two thirds of the Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association budget is raised through subscription. It will not be for lack of trying if Singapore, ultimatel '' a kick the habir,

pay demand by Civil Service: increase must be within cash limits

House of Lords
Lord Soames, Lord President of the Council and Minister for the Civil Service; in a statement about present situation to establish for the House and to the dountry the present situation to establish for the future a new ordered and agreed system for determining Civil Service and intention to establish for the future a new ordered and agreed system for determining Civil Service pay.

For 1931-82 all the public services are operating within cosh limits set on the basis of factors of 6 per cent for pay and 11 per cent for prices. For the Civil Service, where the Government is simply as far as we can go.

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The Government intends to review the arrangements for determining the pay of non-industrial civil servants with the object of establishing as soon as practicable an ordered and agreed system which takes account of all relevant factors and which will be possible albeit with considerable difficulty to squeeze a pay increase of 7 per cent from the resources available within the cash limit. That is simply as far as we can go.

Other groups like the local authority manual workers and Wales and In Scotland are settling at about the same level within the cash limit. It is evident from this that there is mo question of discretely in the review. We will welcome that there is mo question of discretely in the review of cash limit. That is simply as far as we can go.

Other groups like the local authority manual workers and the teachers in England and Wales and in Scotland are settling at about the same level within the constraints imposed by the cash limit. It is evident from this that there is no question of discrimination against the Civil Service.

There are many people in private industry who would feel that such an offer at this time could be classed as a good one, given the general economic climate and the relative job security that civil servants enjoy.

I know that civil servants are concerned as much about future arrangements, for determining concerned as much about future arrangements for determining Civil Service pay as they are about this year's cash offer.

In August last year I explained to the union leaders that, given the overriding need in the broad national interest for increases in pay to be very restricted the emphasis in 1981 would have to be on cash limits, reflecting what the Government felt the nation could afford. It was not therefore could afford. It was not therefore possible for the Government to operate the existing pay research arrangements in the normal way and in October I suspended them.

A further cause for concern is

discussions as the review

proceeds.

The Government therefore finds it hard to understand how in these circumstances the union leaders justify their recourse to the extreme step of recommend-ing industrial action to their

members.

I hope that the union leaders will think it in the best interests of the Civil Service for them to concentrate on making their contribution to the thinking on the new system rather than calling for industrial action from which the country is bound to suffer. Lord Peart (Lab) leader of the Opposition peers, said: The Opposition peers, said: The Government, which is opposed to pay policy, is imposing one on one of the most reasonable and responsible groups in the country.
I deplore the action, but I still believe that common sense can

prevail if there are more meetings and negotiations.

What is the new and agreed system for determining civil servants pay? How is it going to differ from the pay research system? Will the review be grass grow under our feet.

Lord Rochester (L): I regret that bers of the Civil members of the Civil Service should be contemplating strike action in view of their responsibilities to the state.

On the main issue of the overall increase in pay, we give the Government our support, and join in their plea to the union leaders. even at this late stage to withdraw the recommendation to their members to take industrial action and give our support in trying to

work out some new arrangement for pay determination within the Civil Service. Givil Service.

Is Lord Soames satisfied that the salary structure within the Civil Service in terms of pay differentials within the various groups is altogether appropriate? If not, can be assure us that this matter will receive his urgent attention?

Lord Soames: I do not think differentials are ever altogether right and this has not been helped by the fact that the pay research system recommends pay levels in the Civil Service as a whole and the Top Salary Review Body recommends pay levels in the higher echelons. Differentials have een a problem and this is some-ing we must consider. we must consider.
What we have done is impose cash limits upon the pay not only of the Civil Service but also the national health service, and, where the Covernment is concerned with the Government is concerned with its rate support grant, for local authorities as well. This is, of course, because we believe it to he in the national interest. Pay is a high proportion of total Government expenditure, particu-larly in these areas. Pay increases generally in this round since Sentember have been

Pay increases generally in this round since September have been on average under 9 per cent, so I cannot see sufficient for a difference here. There have been many well below 7 per cent and many have been glad to have any at all. It is the Government's duty and responsibility to the country in the present economic situation to keep the pay increases to the public service within strict cash limits.

As to whether the new system service within strict cash limits.

As to whether the new system will be in place by 1982, we are launching into a review of the system which has served us well but which has become technical and mechanistic. The unions, the Government and the country have lost a bit of confidence in it as it is and we want to take a fresh look at the system and how it works.

It would be unreasonable to give any assurance that it will be ready

Government remains firm against Ban on marches will avoid grave disorder sioner. I have every confidence in the way this is being pursued. I am entitled to say on his behalf and on behalf of the police, they are conducting the investigation in this unhappy incident with the utmost vigour and determination. Cotion to him by the police, so that the public may be satisfied that the han is being made on grounds of the police area. If we have a ban, it has to be throughout the whole of the Metropolitan the political views being the utmost vigour and determination. I in giving assent to it, can pick and chose a police area. If we whole of the Metropolitan the public order and not on dislike of the whole of the Metropolitan the utmost vigour and determination. All Whitelaw: The Public Order like to have chosen a particular

Home Office officials were arrang-ing for a survey of the incidence of alleged attacks by members of one racial group on another, to be conducted in a number of areas,

Mr. William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, stated at question time. Officials would also obtain the views of the police, local authorities, and the ethnic minurity com-

During the exchanges Opposition MPs led by Mr Roy Battersley, chief spokesman on home affairs, welcomed the decision announced on Wednesday night to ban all marches in the Metropolitan area for three weeks.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab) said the decision to ben Saturday's proposed march by the National Front at Lewisham was a welcome decision which everyone in the borough of Lewisham felt had saved the borough from the sort of destruction that took place on the last occasion.

He went on: It the Home Serre-

took place on the last occasion.

He went on: Is the Home Secretary satisfied with the decision of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police to put in charge of the Investigation in the New Cross fire, which was the cause of the previous march, the policeman who investigated the Confait case and took down confessions which turned out in the end to have no foundation in fact?

Will he discuss that matter with the Commissioner and, if necessary, ask the Commissioner to reverse his decision?

Mr. Whitelaw: (Penrith and the

Mr. Whitelaw: (Penrith and the Border, C): I regret the necessity for the ban on marches until the end of this month in London.

There are difficulties in the banning of marches. However, there are times when such bans are in the best interests of preventing serious public disorder. When this

comes, it is one's duty to support

On his second point, I will discuss this matter with the Commis-

nation.

They have no fewer than 50 officers working on this inquiry. No one can say that is not a strong effort. They have taken over 500 statements. No one can complain about that.

I hope all those who are upset by this incident, and I understand why, will appreciate that the police are doing their best to find out the cause and to bring anyone who may be responsible to justice.

Mr John Hunt (Bromley, Ravens-Mr John Hunt (Bromley, Ravens-bourne, C): Will the inquiry also cover the role of racialist publi-cations like Spearhead Bullage, and the nasty little paper called Choice, which pander to ignorance and prejudice and promote the kind of racialism and anti-semitism which is disfiguring our country-side? (Cheers.)

Mr Whitelaw: We shall look at publications of all sorts from wherever they come. wherever they come,
Mr. Sydney Bidwell (Ealing,
Southall, Lab): I thank Mr. Whitelaw on behalf of the Ealing.
Southall people for his action in
ordering this probe to take place.
Would he consider the inevitability of looking in a wider way than
he has so far at the publication
question, and right deep into the
heart of the organizations who
base themselves on the barbarous
policies of the Nazis in Germany?
Mr. Whitelaw, All these matters

Mr Whitelaw: All these matters must be properly and carefully looked at. Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolver-hampton, South-West, C): Will he undertake that whenever he hans a march, whether a march by Labour MPs or by racialist organizations— any march—he will publish the evidence which supports the appli-

expressed?

Mr Whitelaw: The Public Order Act lays down clearly that chief officers of police cannot apply to me for a ban unless they are clear that the march, if it takes place, may lead to grave public disorder.

That must say to those who might to must say to those who might to have chosen a particular area, I do not think, even if it was possible, that it would be satisfactory, because it is possible to have that the march if it takes place, may lead to grave public disorder.

That must be a march of the following the follo Mr Whitelaw: The Public Order Act lays down clearly that chief officers of police cannot apply to me for a ban unless they are clear that the march, if it takes place, may lead to grave public disorder. That must be a matter of decision and a matter of a view on the ground. It cannot be always a matter of clear evidence. That is the provision of the Act that will be rigidly adhered to.

There can be no question of chief officers of police applying for a ban, or of my granting one, on the basis of liking or not liking any particular organization which unleft march.

The test is entirely whether such a march would be likely to lead to

night march.

The test is entirely whether such a march would be likely to lead to grave public disorder. That is the basis and the only basis by which we are prepared to be nuided. Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opoosition spokesman on home affairs (Birminzham, Sparkbrook, Lab): I offer him the support and con-

offer him the support and con-granulations of these benches for the prohibition of marches in the Metropolitan area.

The march which is thus prevented was a squalld affair even by the sordid standards of the National Front. I have no doubt that the Home Secretary was right to behave in the way be did. to behave in the way he did.

The publications to which he referred earlier, have now fallen into the habit of naming individuals, giving their addresses and clearly inciting the recipients of these publications to harass those individuals. What protection can the Home Secretary provide for these unfortunate people?

Me Whitelever, I am grateful to Mr.

Mr Whitelaw: I am grateful to Mr Hattersley. There may be some misunderstanding. Under the Public Order Act as it stands, neither the police in their application, nor

lie.
To those who doubt, as I doubt. To those who doubt, as I doubt, about having bans—I do not like them, but on the other hand, if there is a danger of grave public disorder and grave disadvantage to many of the people who wish to live a peaceable life in the area, it is the duty of the Government and of this House to make such a ban in those instances. On the publications, I agree with him about the worry of these hit

On the publications, I agree with him about the worry of these hit lists. I have had a letter from Mr Alfred Dubs (Wandsworth, Battersea, South, Lab) on this subject. I will look into this and I hope anyhody threatened in this way will immediately get in touch with the police, and we shall do everything we can to ensure they have proper protection.

Mr Alan Clark (Plymouth, Sutton, C): Can be think of anything more overtly racist and criminal, or a clearer demonstration of the breakclearer demonstration of the break-down of public order, than the behaviour of the young thegs in the march through Southwark on Monday, when they broke into shops, damaged shops, terrorized the white population and shouted objectionable slogans about the munarchy to try to provoke the notice.

which distressed us all. It is only fair to say it distressed some of those who were the ockanizers of the march. It is important to say

that too. It was very distressing, but evenhandedness was crucial. I have been totally even-handed in my responsibility to police appli-cations for a ban on all mercae-throughout the whole of the Metropolitan Police area for three

weeks.

I notice some MFs appear not to like it. They cannot accuse me of not being even-handed because that applies to every march.

Mr Greetile Janner (Leitester, West, Lab): The dislike of this organization is not confined to Mr, on this side.

on this side.

This House would wish well to the study that the Home Secretary.

In making, and would ask it to include the effect of marches on the faciltement to ruclal violence in cities not merely in London but laisester where a march is cities not merely in London but Leicester, where a march is planned, and to consider whether the law ought to be changed to strengthen the powers of the Home Office, and of the police, in banning such marches in circumstances other than that carefully explained by the Home Secretary. Mr Whitelaw: When we publish the report on public order there will be an orportunity for this House to consider the whole question of how marches should be dealt with. There always appears to be a desire to consider all these attack, on the basis purely of colour, I would like to say it is not so.

monarchy to try to provoke the police.

The Home Secretary has to be seen to be completely oven-handed (Conservative cheers) or clse he will simply add to the discontent which might give rise to the organizations that Labour hirs find so objectionable.

Mr Whitelaw: There are various features of the march on Monday

would like to say it is not so.

There are other ethnic minorities, I would mention to Jows, who lest threatened and are worried by some of the developments. They are as much entitled, whatever colour, race and creed, to that proper protection of our rockety.

It is important to say that. We are a tolerant society. We in this House are determined to make sure we continue to be so.

the pay research system itself which is now more than 25 years old. Over the years it has become Unions urged to discuss new body

House of Commons
Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister of
State, Civil Service Department
(Hounslow, Brentford and Isleworth, C), repeated Lord Soames's
statement to the Commons,
Mr Charles Morris, Opposition
spokesman on the Civil Service
(Manchester Openshaw, Lab)
asked: Does he appreciate the
gravity of the situation which will
now inevitably flow from his gravity of the situation which will now inevitably flow from his statement bearing in mind that every single Civil Service union has now voted in favour of recourse to industrial action?

On Monday we will move towards a situation where Heathrow Airport will be closed, the ranks of the nation's customs and strate officers will be sectorally

excise officers will be seriously depleted, unemployment offices and offices of the Department of Health and Social Security and other public buildings will be Britain's civil servants have a right to know why the Prime Min-

right to know why the Prime Min-ister and Government who never weary of expressing opposition to national wages policy should be hell bent on imposing a wage policy on those employed in the public sector.

How can the Government justify what most reasonable people would interpret as blazant dis-crimination against the public service? How will the new ordered and agreed system of determining Civil Service pay differ from the pay research unit procedures and the principle of fair comparisons

shrined in the pay research erations that have proceded so far?
Will this new system be operative for the Civil Service pay settlement in 1982? Civil Service pay is always catching up on what is beneating in the property. is happening in the private sector.

Mr Hayhoe: Mr Morris has rightly referred to the seriousness and gravity of the situation which flows not from my statement but from the votes and decisions of the unions concerned and the action of their trade union leaders in calling their people nut on a national strike on Monday. I hope they will recognize the particular points to which Mr Morris drew attention and the many other ways I have described in which the public will be damaged and the country will suffer as a result of this action. It is not a national wages policy. It is the application of cash limits to the public service as indeed was forecast would be the determinant as long ago as last

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his mischievous suggestion that what has happened is blatant dis-

wholly and urrerly repudiate

differ from the present, he is asking me to preempt the review the Government feels must argently be undertaken.

J do not know whether the new

arrangements will be concluded in time to operate in 1982, but the sconer the union leaders get around the table with us to talk over these matters the better. Mr Jack Straw (Blackburn, Lab) ; This Government has plunged morale in the Civil Service to an all time low. This Government has placed Civil Service pay right back in the political arena. Mr Hayhoe: On morale being purticularly low, there can be no doubt that in real terms the salaries of the Civil Service now are higher than they were during the period of the Labour Government. There can be no justificament. There can be no justifica-

tion for that at all. Mr Paul Dean (North Somerset, C): Many civil servants resent C): Many civil servants resent and deplore being led into action which they know is wholly contrucy to the best traditions of the public service. To encourage them, he should press ahead as fest as he can with new arrange-ments for pay and pensions which will avoid the disadvantages of the existing pay research system. the existing pay research system.

Mr Hayhoe: I give the assurance that we will press ahead with these arrangements. There are many within the Service who take account of the traditions of that Service which might be acknowledged perhaps more often in the House. We get a service from an houser moneograph Sixil Service

honest, non-corrupt Sivil Service which has great integrity. These are great advantages we have.
Many of them do resent and deplure the leadership which is coming to them sometimes from left wing leaders in their unions. Mr James Dunn (Liverpoot, Kirk-dale, Lab): By changing the sys-tem of negotiation before the final agreement was made on any new

arrangement, he broke a cardinal rule that applies to trade union negotiations. Mr Hayhoe; I appreciate there is resentment because of the suspen-sion by the Government last year of the pay agreement. It because it was the Government's occase it was me Government a judgment at that time that taking account of the general economic situation it was right that cash limits should be the major deter-minant for the 1981 settlement. Mr Timothy Rathbone (Lewes, C): Many people will welcome his statement as clarification of the

crimination and it is a travesty to describe it as such.

On how the new system will differ from the present, he is sking me to present the review the Government feels must urgently explained to them sufficiently so they put that into the scales when analysing their comparability with the private sector.

year's pay settlement for the Ser-

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): At the election, Conserva-tive Party policy was one of free market forces and frue collection bargaining. They gloated before and after the election about the and after the election about the wonderful response they were getting from many millions of trade unionists voting Tory because of these wonderful policies. What the Civil Service unions are doing is asking the Government to carry out their mandate and allow free collective bargaining to operate.

ing to operate.

Mr Hayhoe: I hope the Civil Scr-Mr Haynoe: I hope the Civil Service will put all the relevant factors into the scales in forming a judgment on Mondoy and any future day. On pension arrangements for the Service and more widely in the public sector, there are interesting to the Service and more widely in the public sector. Six is an important report from Sir Bernard Scott. This matter is being considered. I do not regard matters concerning that report as being linked to any negotiation over this

Mr Hayhoe: As is wholly typical, Mr Skinner is both totally irresponsible and inaccurate. The Conservative manifesto said hargaining must also be put on a sounder economic footing so that public sector wage settlements take full account of supply and demand and differences between regions, lob differences between regions, job security, and pension arrange-

We said it was necessary to We said it was necessary to reconcile all these matters within the cash limits used to control public spending. What we are doing is in line with the policy last election. Mr Nigel Forman (Sutton, Car-Mr Nigel Forman (Sutton, Car-shalton, C1: Large parts of the Civil Service have eajoyed pay rises over the last two years of some 50 per cent. The time has come for an ordered and agreed system of the kind he mentioned, based on more realistic assumptions.

Mr Hayhoe: It is true a majority of non-industrial civil servants have had pay settlements of just under 50 per cent on where they were at the beginning of 1979. Much of this large increase flowed from the falling behind which had

Tory attack on 'street politics' of the Left

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C) called upon the Home Secretary to seek a report from the Metropolitan Commis-sloper on the action the police took in respect of the march with placards of a group of Labour MPs on February 18.

Mr Patrick Maybew, Minister of State, Home Office, (Royal Tun-bridge Wells, C); I understand that Labour MPs who attempted to march to the Department of the Environment were told that their action contravened directions given by the Commissioner to his officers in pursuance of the Sessional Orders of this House and the House of Lords.

The MPs concerned subsequently made their way in small groups to the Department without incident. Mr Adley: The street politics of the Left whether it be on the Grunwick picket line or this behaviour referred to are an ugly mani-festion of extremism. (Loud Labour protests.)

Will be deplore this walking graffit . . (Further protests) . . . which does so much to encourage violent behaviour? Mr Maybew: I understand that the relations between the MPs and the police were amicable throughout, though I do not doubt that the police officer on the spot may well have been placed in an embarrassing position.

Mr George Cunningham, an Opp-solition spokesman on home affairs, (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab): Will be recollect with appro-Lab): Will be recoilect with approval the opinion expressed
gloriously by Lord Denning in 1975
in the Hubbard and Pitt case, when
he said this kind of peaceful
demonstration in support of grievances was part of the historic
rights of the British people and
that we tampered with it at our

Mir Mayhew: All these cases depend upon their facts and the exercise of commonsense.

Gleneagles agreement

A call on the Prime Minister to consider scrapping the Gleneagles agreement at the next Common-wealth Prime Ministers' conference was made by Mr John Cartilse (Luton, West, C) at question time. He referred to recent events in the West Indies and the "attempted blackmail" of the England cricket team. The Gienea-gles agreement (he said) is being used by countries for their own political vindictiveness. Mrs Margaret Thatcher replied: I

agree that the Gleneacles agree-ment was not applicable to that case, it was the rase of a person who held a British passport who went out there.

We are unable to revise the Gleneagles agreement except with the consent of other members of the Commonwealth. I have undertaken that if things change considerably in South Africa and there is much more multiracial sport, we would con-sider raising the matter.

Minister says Labour attack on education raises false and unnecessary alarm

count arrore in a pine or monu-mental technological change was a cut in the education service. Mr Neil Kinnock, Opposition spokes-man on education, said. Mr Kinnock (Bedwellty, Lab) was moving an Congression motion

moving an Opposition motion
"That this House, recognizing the
direct relationship between the
maintenance and enhancement of
educational standards and an

appropriate investment of resources and the fundamental importance of this investment in the struggle for national economic the struggle for national economic recovery, notes with grave conkern the report by her Majesty's Inspectorate on The Effects on the Educational Service in England of Local Authority Expenditure Policies—Financial Year 1980-81; and calls upon the Government to undertake positive action to safeguard standards of provision, opportunity and performance in

education He said that in ringing tones of he san that in ringing tones of homily the Government before and after the general election, had talked about the quality of education being maintained and improved, it had put forward simple, virile propositions about securing a dutiful teaching force, earnest and obedient public parents exercising obedient pupils, parents exercising judicious choice, and participation. The country had been promised a new era in the development of

education. Rising standards were to be ushered in. Twenty two months and £400m worth of cuts lafer the country had the actual catalogue of the consequences of the Government's policies. There had been a determined diversion of resources from the maintained sector, coupled with an endorsement, enhancement and sponsorship of the private sector. sponsorship of the private sector of education to the disadvantage of

the entire system. The principle of educational provision free at the point of con-sumption was being significantly croded and that many of the prin-ciples to which all parties sub-scribed over the years since 1944 had been avoided, discarded by the Covernment

Government.

Every teacher organization, education officers, parental organizations, councilors of every political hue had tried in the last 22 months to hold and reverse the Govern

ment's policy of cuts.

The Opposition had failed, too.

Re hoped the force of argument in the HMI report would at least make the Government pause and change. But the Covernment had responded by accusing the Opposiresponded by accusing the Opposi-tion of exaggeration, hyperbole, overstatement.

The inspectorate was a non-par-

The inspectorate was a non-partisan, dedicated professional body. Did the minister think this body was exaggerating and guilty of hyperbole and fautasizing about the state of education?

The Secretary of State was complacent about inadequate book supplies. He saw nothing wrong in parental contributions and spoke of book supplies being satisfactory in 70 per cent of schools.

What was his reaction to be if his child was at one of the unsutisfactory 30 per cent?

factory 30 per cent?

The report spoke of increasing dependence upon parental contributions for essential teaching textbooks and other materials. Still the source and other materials. Still the Secretary of State accepted such a situation as satisfactory. He said that it had been going on for hundreds of years, but so had the plague and starvation.

While the view of the HMI report was that it was a disturbing practice, the Secretary of Secretary. report was that it was a disturbing practice, the Secretary of State remained totally calm and undisturbed. He was an educational zomble in these matters. Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science (Runcorn, C) moved an amendment which stated: "This House notes the report by her Majesty's Inspectorate on The Effects on the Educational Service in England of

were about to lose all that had been achieved over those years.

In 1980-81, the second year of this Government, they planned to spend slightly more in real terms on children of statutory school age in both primary and secondary schools—excluding the cuts on meats and milk—than was spent in 1978-79, the last year of the Labour Government.

Local Authority Expenditure Poli-cies—Financial Year 1980-31, and while recognizing the need re-train public expenditure expresses confidence in the shilty of the education service in England, through the cooperation of all its partners, to secure maximum edu-cational value from the excessive years beyond that would be published next week but it was planning to maintain that position in later years as well.

resources which continue to be available to it ". He said Mr Kinnock had a justi-

He said Mr Kinnock had a justified reputation for hyperbole. It appeared that he had got into the habit on all occasions. On each subject, at any time, he delivered the whole of his speech in one gear which could best be described as a gear of raucous indignation.

The report had been described as alarming and as showing evidence of the malice and criminal complacency of the Government and its education minister. It was claimed that the law was heing extensively broken. That was in total contrast to the tenor of the inspectorate's report.

Of course there were disturbing points made in the report; that was why be published it. But in over 80 per cent of the schools in the survey staffing was judged to be satisfactory, in over 90 per cent the provision of materials was judged to be generally sadsfactory and in over 70 per cent the supply of books was judged to be satisfactory. The report rightly went into detail about the minority of schools where provision was not observed to be satisfactory but that

onserved to be satisfactory but that was only a small part of the present picture.

The whole picture was not the one palmed by Mr Kinnock or implied by the motion. The standard which the public education service had attained since the war had been one of the strangers of this been one of the strengths of this country. The present inevitable constraints on resources would test that service; it would have some impact on provision. But to say that the effect of these necessary savings was disastrous was a ludicrous exaggeration.

It displayed a deplorable lack of confidence in the education ser-vice's ability to cope and raised talse and nunecessary elarm in the minds of many parents rightly con-cerned about the standards of their children's education.

What were the facts? Some 5.5 per cent of the gross national product of this country or twice what it was in 1950 roday went on education. The proportion was as high as that in any major EEC neighbour and rather higher than it was in Germany or Italy. In 1979-80 more was spent on the schools in real terms than ever before, twice as much in total and half as much again per pupil as 20 years ago. Much had gone on additional teachers and the reduction of the pupil teacher ratio. What were the facts? Some 5.5 pupil teacher ratio.
In january, 1980, the overall pupil-teacher ratio was 18.7 to one. pupil-teacher ratio was 18.7 to one. He hoped soon to produce the overall ratio for January, 1981, and on the basis of returns so far received he was confident it would

e at least as favourable as 1980. There had been a gradual im-provement in standards which had provement in standards which dad raised expectations.

Because they had had to revise earlier unrealistic plans to take earlier unrealistic plans to take account of the reality of the econo-mic situation it did not mean they were about to lose all that had been rehieved over those years.

Spending on schools which had doubled since 1960 was likely for the current year to turn out to be at the very most about 1 per cent below the level it was in 1978-79, although there were 5 per cent less children in schools. The Government was allowing both to the current year and the coming year for a higher cost per pupil than was spent by the Labour Government in its last year of office.

The Government's plan for the received that would be published.

later years as well.

He had no doubt that staffing ratios throughout the life of the Government would be better than during the lass five years.

Of course, he was concerned at what the report said about schools where there was a shortage of books. But in secondary schools the amount succession in the secondary schools. phones. But in secondary schools the amount spent on books per pupil dropped consistently every year under the previous Government. By 1978-79, its last year, it was 33 per cent less than the amount spent in 1972-73. It took time to correct a situation.

Other things determined the quality of education, in addition to resource management. First, there was curriculum. With the Secretary of State for Wales he would soon issue a statement containing broad guidance to local authorities. on schools and curriculum, Exami-nadons also played a vital part in standards.
The Government was reviewing

man, Principal of St Anne's Col-lege, Oxford, to review the council's functions, constitution, and methods of work, and to make recommendations.

The present chairman. Mr John Tomlinson, had agreed to continue beyond April, when his appointment would normally end, until the end of this year. Mr Tomlinson had made it clear that other duties would compel his resignation then. Mr Martin Flaunery (Sheffield Hillshorough, Lab) 544 Mr Cardisle's speech was one of rancous complacency. The morale of the teaching profession was at an all time low. They were struggling under adverse circumstances to keep the educational system coing but that could not go on

for ever. Mr Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge, C) said that the point where the balance between resources and standards became seriously affected might be seriously affected might reached soon.

A valid criticism of govern-A valid criticism of governments over the past 25 years was that there had not been a serious strategy for education since the 1944 Act. The country had lived on the 1944 Act, and yet circumstances had changed so much.

There had been piecemeal changes without any attempt to place each part of the section within an overall strategy. Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lah) said clearly the point West, Lah) said clearly the point was being reached when the standards laid down in the 1944 Education Act could hardly be sustained by local education authorities any longer. The Forbes judement about the teaching of music constraints in that was particularly important in that if ever the idea got around that the 1944 Act only applied to reading, writing and arithmetic that would be a tragedy for education. Mr Timothy Brinton (Gravesend, C) said the priority should be the three Rs and they should expand from that. At present so much time and money was being spent on expansion that they were losing the three Rs in the middle. In that sense he welcomed the economics which had been thrust on the educational world.

Money was not the answer. Dedicated teaching and applying the priorities in the right place was. Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) said that poorer parents would be deterred from sending

expectation was that they should chip in to contribute considerably to the basic essentials.

The fabric of education was crumbling at the edges in a damaging way. Mr Carlisic should abandon the assisted places scheme and bring that money into the public sector, and win some Cabinet batter to stony duration outs. ties to stop education cuts. Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing, North, C) said the technology of schools had changed. Most had a

good copier which could turn out worksheets. The arrival of the lan-guage laboratory had been unhelp-ful and expensive. In some schools there were too many films. Mr John Cartisle (Luton, West, C) said one of the leading voices objecting to the cuts had been the National Union of Teachers, In many cases, they were doing an extreme disservice to many of their members who here fad un with the

members who were fed up with the way their leader thip was acting. Miss joan Lestor (Etron and Slough, Lab) said that with to many unemployed, if they got in-volved in the principle of parental contribution, more resources would be in the areas where there was more employment, and children in the a wrest areas would

Mr Phillip Whitehead, an Opposition spokesman on education (Derby, North, Lab), said local authorities scrutinized by the inpectors were subject not merely to the exhortations of education ministers, but to the rigours of the rate support grant. In a sense it was Mr Michael Heseltine, Secre-tary of State for the Environment. who was running, or running down

What was suffering most was the what was surrering most was me curriculum, all forms of special teaching and provision of looks and equipment. The fabric of buildings had been shown in many cases to be damaged almost beyond the point of repair.

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under Secretary for Education and Science (Brent. North. C) said in the 20 years from 1960 the amount of resources per pupil in primary schools increased by 64 per cent in real terms, and by 44 per cent at secondary level. Between 1977, x and 1986-81 expenditure per pupil increased in real terms by 7 per

On the question of fees for instrumental music lessons, they could not ver discuss the full implications of the recent judgment, until the full transcript of the case was available and they had had time to study it.

The High Court had not ruled that music should by part of the curriculum, but that if it were provided, it should be provided free. Many local authorities would be concerned about the impli-cations of the judgment for their own practice.

The Secretary of State attached importance to instrumental music tuition and would not wish to see it end.

There was no question of a child being excluded from a lesson because parents could not or would not pay. He would be interested to see what they said in the statement they would shortly be putting out. (Loud Jaughter,)

The Opposition motion was rejected by 259 votes to 233-Government majority, 66, and the Covernment amendment agreed to.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons Today at 2.50: Private Members' Bills: Zao Licensing (No 2) Bill, Licensing (All.ohot Education and Research) Bill, Companies Bill, all second readings.

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be: Monday: Timetable motion on the Transport Bill and Appropriation

Tuesday: Budget. Wednesday and Thursday: Dehate on the budget.

Friday: Private member's motion on effects on London of Government's economic, housing and social policies.

The main business in the Heuse of Lords next week will be: Monday: Gas Levy Bill, Matrimonial Homes and Property Bill.

tish industry competitive. Thursday: Wildlife and Country-

ATTION CONTRACTOR OF A PARTY.

Partners in alliance with no place to sit

The Liberals objected to the next European Assembly elections being held at a time which ignored the commitment entered into by all member countries that they would be by a uniform electoral system throughout the Community. Lord Banks (L) said at the opening of the committee stage of the Euro-pean Assembly Elections Bill. Lord Banks moved an amendment to Clause 1 (Amendment of Schedule 2 to the European Assembly Elections Act 1978) to ensure that the provision for the proposed review of European constituencies would in each case cease to operate from May 1, 1984. This was just before the next European elections.

The Labour Government in 1975 signed a Council of Ministers' decision that the directly elected European Parliament should draw up a uniform system for 1984. The effect of the amendment would be to oblige the Govern-ment to come to Parliament before the 1984 elections to secure fresh legislation to cover the procedura for the review of European constituencies.

Lord Kennet (Soc Dem), support-ing the amendment, said: It is with pleasure that I have the chance of taking part in the first joint motion between the Liberals

and the Social Democrats in either House of Parliament. Speaking from the rear Labour back bench, he said: The new fauna has not yet established a habitat. We do not know where to sit. This must be an inconvenience to everybody else. Much as we intend to create inconvenience for the major parties in two or three years time, we do not wish to create in-convenience now by sitting in anyone's favourite perch because we did not know it was his favourite perchiper. favourite perch. This was the only country out of the Ten to have an electoral system which was not proportional

representation. Lord Beistead, Under Secretary, Home Office, said the Government would take into account opinion in Parliament and in the country. He would expect there to be a wide-ranging debate on any pro-posals to introduce a system of PR into the electoral system. It

would be a radical change and one which would require careful study. The amendment was withdrawn. The committee stage was con-Cluded.

The Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Bill completed its report stage.

House adjourned, 7.57 pm.

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The Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Bill completed its report its certainly important to those like me and my predecessor position in this.

Report on telephone tapping 'not whitewash'

The Diplock report on telephone tapping had not been a whitewash. Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, said during questions. Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab) had asked for regular publication of Diplock reviews of telephone topping. Mr Whitelaw (Pearith and Border.

Mr Whitelaw (Penrith and Border, C: No. I made it clear in my statement on April 1, 1980, that only his first report would be published.

Subsequent reports will cover the detailed operation of the arrangements and will not be published, but Parliament will be informed of findings of a general nature and of any changes made in the arrangements. Mr Cryer: The present report does Mr Cryer: The present report does not cover fureign and Commonwealth interception and the National Security Agency of America interceptions and was so complacent as to amount to a whitewash, but there is accountability to this House for this incursion into the rights of the private citizen:

Regular publication of Diplock bility, because one may see the

viable task.

It shows that we have carried out conscientiously—as I believe we have—and with responsibility. I do not accept that it was a white-

wash.

Mr I van Lawrence (Burton, C):
While welcoming the report, will
Mr Whitelaw my what steps he is
taking to prevent unauthorized
tapping and other invasions of privacy?
Mr Whitelaw: It is for the police to
Mr whitelaw: It is for the police to

offences.
Mr Rey Hattersley, cluef Opposition spukesman on home affairs (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab):
Many Labour MPs regard the first Many Labour MPs regard the first Diplock report as wholly inadequate. It aroused more fears in many ways than it dispels.

Since the Telecommunications Bill means that the House will be debating only one narrow aspect of phone tapping, surely it would be right for the Government to provide time before the report stage of that Bill to debate the general proposition of tapping, official and unofficial, authorized an derivate, so that we can know the Govern-

so that we can know the Govern-ment's views? Mr Whitelaw: Those are not matters for my decision but if such an opportunity arose I should greatly welcome it. I have a dury to

Bill on disabled to be assisted

The Government was prepared to give every assistance with the presentation of a new Bill on the provision of suitable means of access by disabled people to buildings used by the public, Mr Francis Pym, Leader of the House, announced during questions

He said this followed discussions between Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernaryon, Pl Cymrul and the mimister for the disabled. The Bill would reflect the terms of an early day reflect the terms of an early day motion signed by Mr Wigley and 323 other MPs.

Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State, Home Office, said during questions that guidance would shortly be Issued to local authorities on civil defence suggesting ways in which they could make the best use of the doubling of the money for implementing the programme announced last August. The Home Secretary was meet-ing today the representatives of the local authority associations

Defence guidance

A philosophy which rests on Christian assumptions

Labour MPs who were shouting remarks interrupting a reply from the Prime Minister at question time were described by Mrs Thatcher as "little different from the young Communists in the church yesterday".

Mrs Thatcher: I have not had time reread my speeches.

If he had read it fully and accurately he would have observed that particular semence which, when I set out my own philosophy. I self the sald: "I believe it is a philosophy which mrs Thatcher her speech at the St Lawrence Jewry in London on Wednesday.

He sald: Hus the Prime Minister had time to reread by mrs Thatcher: I have not had time to reread the speech, nor do I reread my speeches.

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They are very little different from the young Communists in the church vesterday.

He sald: Has the Prime Minister had time to reread her speech of yesterday If she has, was the interpretation of that speech that those who accept and support her Government's economic policy are somehow or other exercising Christian virtues, and by implication those who are not are non-Christians? (Conservative protests.)

If that is the interpretation, it is If that is the interpretation, it is a disgraceful depth to which the Prime Minister has sunk in order to defend her tattered economic policy. (Labour cheers and Conser-vative protests.)

They are very little different from the young Communists in the church yesterday.

Indicating the Labour benches she said: "I'm glad the young Communists support that lot instead of this lot." She continued her quotation from her speech: "I believe it is a philosophy which rests on Christian assumptions, though I fully recognize that some Christians would have a different view." That (Mrs Thatcher went on) is a complete answer to the cheap question of Mr Ewing. (Conserva-tive cheers.)

Budget opened next week

(Northern Ireland) Order.

and Interpretation of Legislation Bill, second readings. Tuesday: Wildlife and Countryside Bill, report (first day.) Wednesday: Debate on making Bri-

side Bill, report (second day.)

the music with orchestral accompaniment was filmed and recorded separately)—is not a

in quick snatches of a line or

the Almaviva household very convincingly. The opera edds in great excitement as every ope rushes around about the

garden trying not to engage the object of their recent illicit

attentions Kari Bohm conducts the Vienna Philharmonic and a

classic line of this orchestra in this work. There are no weak

performances: both men are subtler and less coarse than they can be on stage; Mri Te Kanawa is a spirited and romanic Countess; Mirella Frent a Toyety Intelligent Susanna; and Maria Ewing, with just a dash of Denise Coffey and an even timier one of Harpo Marx simply the fun-

of Harpo Marx, simply the funniest and most irresistible Cherubino I have ever seen. They will all sound even better

Irving Wardle

Largely recast since its first appearance at the Cottesloe last October, Bill Bryden's fine pro-duction transfers to the West End with increased authority. It Originally struck me as a point of convergence between the company's work in American drama and Puritan history; and the added power with which they have now charged the stern formalities of Arthur Miller's seventeenth-century Massachusetts has yielded the best version of the play that I have seen.

its key qualities are passion and clarity, held in perfect balance so that no emotional outburst obscures the line of narrarive argument; not an easy thing to achieve in a story containing so much bullying, accusation, and mass hysteria, and which can easily swamp precise ironies under waves of easy pathos and indignation.

The play starts at an emotional peak with the Rev Paris's distraught prayers at his daughter's bedside, and continues its panic-stricken crescendo up to the arrival of the grave Rev Hele the first the grave Rev Hale, the first witch doctor. But amid all the inquisitions and threats, as the plague of superstition runs through the village, the non-religious motives underlying the

religious motives underlying the epidemic are laid out as unmistakable evidence: not only of Abigail's vendetta against Proctor's wife; but Putnam's land-grabbing, and Paris's fear of losing his job.

Nothing, at this stage, is done to load the dice in favour of Mark McManus's Proctor, who first appears as a dour employer, har pulled straight down over his eyes, threateuing his truant servant with the whip; and half capitulating to Caroline Embling's Abigail at their first reunion since his at their first reunion since his wife turned her off the farm. The sense of an austere, frugal existence, in double discipline to the soil and to clerical authority, is inherent in the whole stage picture.
The degree of social and

domestic reality established in the magnificent first two acts is the production's best guaran-tee of sustaining belief when the play finally turns to undis-guised melodrama and an operatic death cell finale.

The third act trial is much

improved since the Cottesloe performances; thanks partly to the human variety Tony Haygarth is now bringing to the MacCarthylte Governor Dan-forth, still a bigoted tyrant, impervious to rational arguimpervious to rational argu-ment, but now quite capable of the soft approach, and of relaxing for an off-duty gossip about trials of the past. Also, the new casting includes such actors as Trevor Ray and John Barretttotally naturalistic no matter how heightened the surround-ing context, who lend complete credibility to the sight of ordinary villagers swelling into officious creatures of the court or quietly standing their ground The second act, however

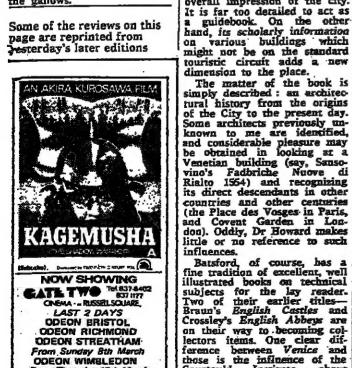
remains the main experience of the evening. Its construction never ceases to amaze; moving in geometric progression from the quiet evening on the Proc-tors' farm, to the news of the mass arrests, and finally the dis-appearance of Proctor's wife in chains. It is in this act that Mr McManus really takes over; writhing under the calm gaze of withing under the cam gaze of his still mistrustful wife, alter-nately gentle and lashing out like a staked bull; and moving from suppressed doubts to open defiance in the duologue with James Grant's modestly implac-

able Hale. Lynn Farleigh, taking over the role of Proctor's wife, begins By Deborah Howard by telegraphing restless anxiety from her calmly impassive features; and proceeds to a tween visits to Venice: after wonderful expression of extreme emotions with the minimum of physical means. It is typical of her scenes with McManus that quent. To read it before the first visit would be confusing, for by concentrating on architectural history on a building by building basis, it conveys no overall impression of the city. whenever they part, they merely pat each other; full embrace is reserved for the moment before the gallows.

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Redford in a far from ordinary direction

Plaza 1 The Great Santini (A)

Ordinary People (AA)

Gate 3, Camden Town

Penitentiary (X)

Eros, Piccadilly; Odeons Kensington, Westbourne Grove, Swiss Cottage

Blood Beach (AA)

Screen on the Green: Scene, Leicester Sq.; Odeon, Kensington

Ordinary People, Robert Redford's debut as a director, has already earned a fortune in the United States as well as a heap of Oscar nominations. Something about it, evidently, has caught the imagination of the American public in a way that is rare for such a quiet, film. The director's contribu-tion is reticent and unobtru-sive; his aim, not surprising perhaps in an actor, had been to give the stage wholly to the text and the performances; and both are, certainly, exemp-

The script is based on a novel by a Chicago housewife, Judith Guest, which Redford snapped up before publication. The people in it are "ordinary" in that they represent the moneyed suburban bourgesies and the property of the proper geoisie, a class which once inhabited the cinema almost exclusively, but which has now, as Robert Redford points out in interviews, fallen out of fashion with progressive American fillm-makers.

fashion with progressive American film-makers.

Their story too, is in its essentials ordinarily familiar to film audiences. Calvin and Beth look like model parents; but since the death of their adored elder son, and his own suicide attempt, the youngerboy, Conrad, has become solitary and estranged from them and from his school friends. and from his school friends. Reluctantly Conrad goes to a psychiatrist and psychiatry does not betray the national faith in it. After a succession of crises, Calvin finally faces the trauma and sense of guilt that plocks his mind, and emerges to face the problems that still rend the family. So far, so ordinary. But, whether the writer (Alvin Sargent) or director were altogether aware of it, there is a deeply subversive content in the film; and perhaps it is this

the him; and pernaps it is this upon which—again maybe only half-consciously—the American audience has seized. On the face of it, here is an ideal, happy, WASPish family (there is a comit conversation between Beth and her mother about the Jewishness of the perchiagistics). But Convad's about the Jewishness of the psychiatrist); but Conrad's problems expose the shaky foundations of the entire institution. Calvin, the caring breadwinner, is revealed as insecure, weak, quietly terrorized by his wife and by his own

Book review—

Architectural History

This book should be read be-

the first, and before the subse-

of Venice

(Batsford, £15)



Donald Sutherland and Mary Tyler Moore in Ordinary People

bewilderment in face of the mandor, he is a martinet. family break-up.

In Bern-played by Mary Tyler Moore, who made her name as American television's ideal wife and mother—the matriarchal myth is underwined as ruthlessly as in David Storey's In Celebration. Beth is the idealized and idolized American woman perfect. ized American woman, perfect in her coiffure, in the kitchen, on the tennis court, the golf course, at parties. But in her total inability either to come to terms with her son's problems or to acknowledge her own (an irrational resentment of the surviving son since the loss of surviving son since the loss of the adored older boy) she is exposed as the prisoner of the myth. The traditional momidol-atry has over the years made her incorrigibly egocentric— unwilling or unable to acknow-ledge criticism, change or in-deed anything that is disagree-able or attacks her decreed status quo. At the finish the (comparatively) happy end the film posits for this "ordinary" family unit is for the mother to walk out on the affair and to walk out on the affair and the home, leaving father and son alone, reconciled to each other and their problems.

title might lead you to expect American family saga) is, conversely, about an awful father.
Colonel Bull Meechum is an army husband, dragging his reluctant family around the country from one base to the next. Exposed to society at

Mac Rebennack

Richard Williams

Rock fans remember him as Dr John the Night Tripper, author of a unique brand of psychedelic voodoo music in the late Sixties; to blues initiates, however, he is Mac Rebennack, a veteran of the postwar New Orleans scene who has worked with virtually all of that circle involvers music

of that city's important musi-cians over the past 25 years, as either producer, songwriter, singer, guitarist or pianist.

100 Club

qualities that rouse his macho father's ire. The full poverty of this ultimate fascist is revealed, however, in his pet-tish fury when this same son beats him in a ball game. The character is played by the excellent Robert Duvail (in some respects it might be the private life of the military man he plays in Apocalypse Now) and is a wonderful crea-

The 'Great' Santini (whose

actress, Blythe Danner, is extraordinary as the army wife, proud, dusful, submissive to the busband officer. Both At home, too, he is as tough a disciplinarian, bellowing his wife, proud, dusful, submissive long-suffering wife and resentful family out of bed in the small hours, and subjecting them to inspections and epithets like "hogs" or, in good moods, "sports fans". The special victim is his 18-year-old son, whose intelligence and gentleness are the sort of sissy qualities that rouse his macho father's ire. The full poverty Santini acts with Danner, is extraordinary as the army wife, proud, dusful, submissive to the husband-officer. Both the young actors who play the respective sons are astomishing them to inspections and epither sensitivity, tact and emotional range. Timothy Hutton, in Ordinary People, is the son of another actor, the lare Jim Hutton. Still the skinny, qualities that rouse his macho father's ire. The full poverty Santini acts with the kind of acts with the kind of le instinct that Santini ac infallible maturity and training rarely

bring.

Penitentiary is a black film,

remtentiary is a black film, written, directed and produced by Jamas Fanaka, which combines with mashamed exploitation (sex and violence are intercut in the climactic scenes with transparent calculation) very efficient qualities of writing, acting and missonscene. nom) and is a wonderful creation, overdrawn but always with such skill that it remains always just within belief. This apart, the film is a mess of mixed exellences. A side plot involving the boy's friendship with the black maid's outsider. ing, acting and mise-en-scene. The starry Leon Isaac Kennedy plays a man committed on a wrongful murder charge to a virtually all-black prison, where he effectively defends himself with his fists against the rule of bully force and homosexual proprietorship. Ir son is interesting, but remains an unintegrated and unrealized excrescence. In the end, too, Lewis John Carlino, as director and writer, equivocates. Awful father and victimized son are reconciled by mutual under-standing; and the father is hallowed by his death on duty. directed by Jeffrey Bloom, offers exactly what is expected of it: a Thing that emerges from the beach; mysterious disappearances; a cache of corpses and human spare parts, heroic lifeguard; distracted exientists of the parts.

In the last scene we see the boy taking on his father's autocratic role within the fam-ily. It remains in the percep-tion of the beholder to divine tressed scientist; obtuse coos; and eerie music to point up every moment of horror, just large, he is just a dull drunk
and rowdy (at the start of the
show American acting at its
film we see him emptying a professional best. In the Redcivilian restaurant with his ford film an unaccustomed short with Ordinary People be
objectionable pranks at a unit weak and tentative character missed. Directed by Roger
farewell party). On duty as a brings out new qualities in
Marine Corps jet ace and comDonald Sutherland. A new Film School student, The Don-

time", so it is pleasing to welcome him back, typically in semble playing and extrovert several guises: as co-writer, with Doc Pomus, of the songs on B. B. King's new album, as Crocker (teror).

currently a lot to see. The ICA are showing nightly at 9 pm Gael Dohaney's The Fores Earth a formal hieratic chronicle of the centuries old strugthe rule of bully force and the rule of bully force and gle of a Peruvian village to homosexual proprietorsing. It is rough fast moving and enlivened by arresting character performances.

Blood Beach, written and directed by Jeffrey Bloom, offers exactly what is expected some of their sequestered properties.

There are, too, unaccustomed riches of silent cinema to be seen just now. The monumen-tal Napoleon, with Carl Davis's orchestral accompaniment, his still two more performances (romorrow and March 15) at the Empire, Leicester Square; though at this stage you prob-ably need underworld connexions to get seats. -

lar Bottom recaptures something of the Ealing comedy spirit. It is the story of some schoolboys whose scheme to insure their fellows against corporal punishment mushrooms throughout Scotland and results in a cut-throat juvenile

stock market. The kilted leading boy, with all the uncorrupted seriousness and self-possession of early teenage, has most of the best lines. Faced with the threat of beating he politely explains: "I would not mind that, sir, I have a two pound ten shilling bottom". And finally, when the grown-ups have manoeuvred the financial ruin of his scheme, he declares with the grandeur of tragedy:

"You force me, gentlemen, to say something I hoped I would never have to say: a minor is not liable for his debts".

Off the beaten track there is

In quick matches of a line of two, it expresses an inspoken of idepeals le thought very nearly, hot de Poate is not Pinter or Chekhoe or O'Neill, and at greater length the experiment is asking us to accept the interior mosologue on top of all the operatic conventions we already have, whilst in the Count's third ast aria the device becomes top tiever by fail. Jean Pierre Ponnelle's Nozze Pigaro, filmed at Shepperton in 1976 and bought in by the BBC from Juitel, Munich, begins brilliantly with what appears to be the lengthening stiadow of a be the lengthening statues of fat nose on an attic wall. This rurns our to herald not the arrival of fiarlequin, Hanswurst or Mr Punch, but the mattress of Figure and Susanna's marriage bed, brought in by the Most of the action is beautifully placed, though, and extended into all the rooms of the Almadur hereals.

The Marriage of Figaro

BBC 2/R3 (tomorrow)

Michael Ratcliffe

groom to be:

That it is also suggesting the feared nose of the cuckold seems likely, for in this handsome and splendidly sung version of Mozart and de Ponte's sion of Mozari and da Ponte's masterpiece the war between servant (Hermann Prey) and inaster (Dietrich Fischer Pischer Pischer Pischer Dieskau) is not merely for in a performance close km to social and political pastice but the glarious series he was to for sexual equality too, and the give at Covent Garden the folled remains in the centre of lowing year. Certain speeds the action for the whole of the will seem wilfully slow to some first act. Figure taunts the tastes, but the overall pattern count with Susanna's bridged, well: the bed is their battle ground and the antagonists lock singers so perfectly judged, horns across it like stags in tut. that momentum is never lost this thoroughly Spanish Figure classic line of this orchestra in

this thoroughly Spanish Figure is full of inventiveness and props. The props, indeed, are exuberantly assembled for each. exuberantly assembled for each, character, from a costume skip during the overture (shades of Bergman's Magic Flure), and the line betweep invention and fussiness is a fine one. Popule's chief experiment—the device of filming asides, certain ensembles and other passages as if taking place inside the characters' heads, so that they have to act madly with the rest of their faces whilst keeping their mouths lightly shut (all

Euridice Riverside William Mann

Musica nel Chiostro is an enter-prise which presents opera prise which presents opera each summer outside a disused. Tuscan monastery, simply staged for alfresco performance by talented young British musicians. During the rest of the year the productions are mured elsewhere, lately including Riverside Studios in Hammersmith. mersmith.

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This time Musica nel Chiostro, has gone back to the Euridice by Peri and Caccini, composed in 1600, the very first opera whose music is extant. As such, every student of musical history learns about it, but it is seldom performed, though gramophone records of it are available. Graham Vick's production for MNC uses an English translation and musical realization by Stephen Oliver, realization by Stephen Oliver, and (for Riverside at least, where it may be seen tomorrow and on Sunday) an unusually elaborate stage setting by Yoland Soonabend and Richard Hudson.

The central stage area is occupied by a blue paddling pool, surmounted by two planks, like diving boards, which can be rotated found a central circle. The action mostly takes place on these pon-

sound. The chorus remains in from of the tiring house, on whose gallery the orthestra under Nicholas Kraemer is disposed. Venus brings Orpheus to the mouth of Hell in a golden aerial chariot, from which he descends by swarming down a rope (Robert Dean won a cheer for the feat on Wednesday

ventional but sensitive. It would have looked as apr if Oliver had harmonized Peri's bass line had harmonized Peri's bass line for the specified orchestra or lute, lyre, chirarrone and harpsichord, using the plain chords then customary. Oliver evidently fears that today's new-comers to Peri's Euridice would be bored and so, like Raymond Leppard at Clyndebourne, his realization is more colourful, though less scholarly. Oliver uses an orchestral en-Oliver bees an orchestral en-semble based on Stravinsky's for The Soldier's Tale, essen-tially a modern fonal palette, with vibraphone, trumpet, clarinet, plane and banje among the instruments. He throws out Peri's bass-line, preferring Stravinskian harmonies, at the beginning of the third act even-something like 12-note late Stravinsky, often without bass at all, or merely percussive

The cast is properly dominated by the Orpheus of Robert Dean, a noble baritone voice, an impressive musician, alive accompaniement, his central circle. The action to verbal values, and a personmore performances mostly takes place on these pour able, heroic figure. Kate tooms: at moments of dramatic Flowers made much of intensity (for example, when Daphne's narration, Michael Daphne announces the death of Bulana of Amintas's solos. Buridice) the actors walk Susan Moore was a touching through the water and even Euridica Colin Iveson a Pluto Enect is not as absurd as it may authority.

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Barry Millington

The prima donna for whom Mozart wrote "Al desio di chi t'adora" (an aria to replace Susanna's "Deh, vieni" in later performances of Le nozze di Figuro) must have been a very different person from Wednesdav's reduces lance Releas. "Al day's seloist, Janet Baker. " Al-desio " was substituted in order to provide Adriana Petrarese del Bene with a vehicle to display her talents and conse-quently abounds in fast stalic passages and ornamental lines of all kinds.

Dame Janet was equal to the task, but although it is always

worth learning how a virtuoso display piece can be rendered sensitively and musically, she has far more to teach us in a piece like Haydn's Ariama a Naxos.

That dramatic cantata is a gem, tracing the mood of the gem, tracing the mood of the deserted Ariadne from love (for Theseus) mingled with apprehension, through to misery as the bitter truth dawns, and finally desperation. All this within the standard classical forms of recitative and aria. Abetted by an anonymously (but acceptably) scored accom-

Sity generated. For the remainder of the Blech programme, Harry Blech directed the London Mozart Players in highly pleasurable performances of Mozart's forcieth and Beethoven's fourth symphonies. Mozart's G minor does not demand blinding revelations every time. Nor is it enough, as Mr Blech well under-

there was still no lack of inten-

stands, simply to imagine that the music will speak for itself once set in motion.

Within the framework of well-chosen tempi and firm paniment, Dame Janet realized rhythms, he allowed counter-all the potential in this heart points, cometimes consisting of searching little opus. The just two or three notes on an dramatic impact may have been obes or bassoon, to sing out to slightly diffused by the large great effect. Mr Blech has an space of the Festival Hall, but ear for such subtleties.

Rebennack, a veteran of the postwar New Orleans scene who has worked with virtually all of that city's important musicians over the past 25 years, as either producer, songwriter, singer, guitarist or pianist. Little has been heard of him since his memorable pop hit of 1973, "Right place, Wrong "Rebennack, a veteran of the most obvious balero" style, and his croaking work, way, with a brass band parading the audience play marinated alongside the hot sausage and chicken-necks in a bowl of file gumbo, were well displayed on an eight-bar blues arrough the audience which seems to have been marinated alongside the hot sausage and chicken-necks in a displayed on an eight-bar blues arrough the audience which seems to have been marinated alongside the hot sausage and chicken-necks in a displayed on an eight-bar blues arrough and a rousing account of "Mess arrough the audience play marinated alongside the hot sausage and chicken-necks in a displayed on an eight-bar blues arrough the audience play marinated alongside the hot sausage and chicken-necks in a displayed on an eight-bar blues arrough the audience play marinated alongside the hot sausage and chicken-necks in a displayed on an eight-bar blues arrough the audience blue in a rousing account of "Mess arrough the place of the control of the sausage and chicken-necks in a displayed on an eight-bar blues arrough the audience play marinated alongside the hot sausage and chicken-necks in a displayed on an eight-bar blues arrough arrough the audience play marinated alongside the hot sausage and chicken-necks in a displayed on an eight-bar blues arrough arrough the audience play with a brass band parading the product, which seems to have been arrough the audience play with a brass band parading the product, so the played of file gumbo, were well displayed on an eight-bar blues arrough arroug Christopher Bruce spreading his net wide

Quite by chance, Christopher Bruce is in the happy position of having a series of his productions follow each other into Sadler's Wells over the next few weeks. Ballet Rambert will give four of his ballets during their season which starts this evening, one of them having its first public performance and another its London première. Next mouth, the Tanz-Forum company from Cologne will give a new work by him during their London season, closely followed by Kent Opera, for whom he has staged the dances in two works and himself directed one of them. simply described: an architec-tural history from the origins of the City to the present day. Some architects previously un-known to me are identified, and considerable pleasure may be obtained in looking at a Venetian building (say, Sansovino's Fadbriche Nuove di Rialto 1554) and recognizing its direct descendants in other countries and other centuries (the Place des Vosges in Paris, and Covent Garden in Lon-don). Oddly, Dr Howard makes little or no reference to such dances in two works and him-self directed one of them. In the most important sense, he has succeeded in the gamble he took in October, 1979, when he gave up a secure position as leading dancer and associated director of Ballet Rambert to pursue a freelance career. But things have not worked out quite as he hoped. I left Rambert to have more time with my family, but I seem to be travelling

influences.

Batsford, of course, has a fine tradition of excellent, well illustrated books on technical subjects for the lay reader. Two of their earlier titles—Braun's English Castles and Crossley's English Abbeys are on their way to becoming collectors items. One clear difference between Venics and those is the influence of the Courtauld Institute, about which one may have doubts. It may well be that the scholarship is greater: but so, also, is the faintly academic textual language, and the references to other critics of whom the lay reader may be maware. "As Witkower has shown", (a typical phrase), is an unnecessary exemplification. Moreover, my copy lost an entire chapter my copy lost an entire chapter by double-printing obscuring the text. Finally (of these nig-gles) it is irritating that the most frequently and pro-minently mentioned names in this book of great architects are those of the photographers. Yet, of the cost of visiting Venice, the price of this book would be a tithe or two well

Charles McKean



the producer of Chris Barber's

latest recording, and as a guest in the trombonist's current tour-

ing show, which takes as its theme the music of New Orleans.

Wednesday's programme opened in the most obvious

was a marvellous experience, to be able to dance those densicaractère roles which many dancers never get nowadays; I learns a lot from them about the theatre.

"I had 17 years as a dancer, and I would still like to dance but I cannot stand the souring ily, but I seem to be travelling more than ever at present, because of the invitations that because from abroad.

"It's nice to have the work, but I hope to develop my relations with a few companies so comes, I might dance other that I can spend more time in London. My family is very insportant to me, and you will see things about children in many of my works. I don't like my is busy enough making sure

things about children in many of my works. I don't like my is busy enough making sure ballets to be just steps; there that all his productions are has to be an idea, some kind of drama.

"I think I was lucky, starting in the old Rambert company, where I danced in Don pany, where I danced in Don my company, where I danced in Don my choreography is not phide, then ballets by Norman Mortice, The Travellers and so it needs a mixture of classing rate from ordinary life, but Gore's Simple Symphony. It "That is another reason for part in it. So in these ballets."

Rebennack arrived at the piano for a loose and lengthy version of "Iko Iko", assisted by idiomatic snare-drum work and punching horn riffs. His

playing, a rugged version of Professor Longhair's "rum-balero" style, and his croaking voice, which seems to have been marinated alongside the hot

an achievement that, after just 18 months of the academy, six deats can come and appear with the company.

wanting to work with just a few companies. I am still associate choreographer with Ranabert, and make about two works a year for them. I like working with Australian Dance Thearra; of course I can't keep rushing off there to take rehearsals, but they have the understanding in look after them. Then I have worked a lot with Tanz-Forum, and I liked some operationship with Netherlands Dance Thearra-all companies with the mixture of modern and classical background. And it's easy to jump on a plane and in an hour you are in Germany or Holland."

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son one of Bruce's ballets will find it summaring. So, when the danced by students from the invitation came from the invi in the way I move or place

work with singers instead of dancers; I don't mind not being able to use steps, because I find I can only produce a cectain number of steps in the course of a year. They are less important than other things even when working with dancers. The quality and meaning of movement matter more to me.

John Percival





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Gooch finds his touch and victory for England is the result

Bridgetown, March 5
England won the 50-over one-day game specially organised for them when they beat Barbados by 11 runs here roday. Badly in need of matchplay after the political upheavals of the past week, the tourists accumulated 207 for six in their allotted overs, the leading contribution coming from Graham Gooch who scored an aggressive 84. With brisk support from gatting and Gower, England's total became more daunting after a very slow start by the island team, who lost three quick wickets, two of them to Graham Stevenson.

The form of Gooch was particularly encouraging. After a quiet start with Geoff Boycott, who had to struggle for 18 overs for 14 before he was dismissed by Collis Vine at 30 Gooch came time his to struggle for 1a overs for 14 before he was disulssed by Collis King at 30, Gooch came into his own in a lively second-wicket partnership with Mike Gatting, who is hoping to take over the number three position in the Test

ber three position in the Test side.

Goods showed an inclination to go for the lofted drive early on in his indings, first against King and then when he hoisted Joel Garner to the long-off boundary. But he had to be watchful with the Barbados pace attack of Sylvester Clarke and Wayne Daniel getting a lot of bounce with the new ball. It was not until the

dramatic lift.

He hit the off spinner, Padmore, for 20 off four balls in an over which cost 12 and lifted the total into the 90s. Gooch put one four away to midwicket, hit a six over long on, a four off the back foot through the covers and then another majestic six over long on. He moved from 27 to 47 and then completed his 50 in the next over, having batted 110 minutes.

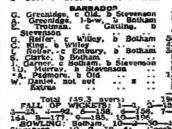
Boycott, who started the tour in fine fettle, but has gone a fortinght since his last substantial innings, was out to a shot which would not have pleased him. He followed a short rising ball and gave the wicketkeeper, Murray, a gave the wicketkeeper, Murray, a

gave the wicketkeeper, Murray, a catch.
Gatting struck some meaty drives and swung King for a six over square log before he was bowled at 97 with a ball from King which kept low and took his off stump. They had put on 67 in 12 overs.

Alvin Kallicharran will not play for the West Indies in the remaining three Test matches against England. The Warwickshire lefthander is back in England, receiving treatment for a broken boue in his right hand—an injury which kept him out of the first Test in Trinidad last mouth. The

fracture, sustained when he was struck by a ball from Andy Roberts in a Shell Shield match, has not healed properly. It is understood that the bone is to be broken and reset by the same specialist who operated last week on Kallicharran's county captain, Bob Willis.

Total 16 wits, inclines closed) 207 J. E. Emburey, G. B. Stevenson and C. M. Old did not bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1—30, 2—97, 3—157. 4—178, 5—200, 6—201.



India's hopes of squaring

series are high Christchurch, March 5.—India open the second Test match against New Zeaalnd here tomorrow confident of levelling the three-match series. The return to the team of the top bowlers, Doshi and Ghavri, whose injuries prevented them from playing in the first Test at Wellington, together with an injury to the New Zealand captain, Howarth, has boosted Indian hopes of winning the five-day match.

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Doshi, one of the world's leading left-arm spin bowlers, showed exceptional accuracy and control of flight during practice, and Ghavri, a medium-pace player, was able to seam the ball apprewas able to seam the ball appre-ciably. Howarth, who scored a century in the first Test, suffered severe bruising of the toe when he was struck by the ball during

he was struck by the ball during batting practice.

New Zealand have four seam bowlers—Hadlee, Snedden, Cairus and Troup—who pleased the selectors in the first Test. In the light of his disappointing performance for Otago against the Indians earlier this week, Bracewell could be dropped as twelfth man to leave New Zeaalnd without a specialist slow bowler. specialist slow bowler, NEW ZEALAND: J. Wright. dgar J. Reid, G. Howarth, J. Cone, Edwards, J. Smith. R. Hadlee, sirms, M. Snedden, G. Troup, recoveril Edwards, itrus, M. Snedden, G. 1200011.
Tacowell, S. M. Cavartar, G. R. Vinanatt, C. P. S. Chauhan, D. B. enyartar, Y. Sharma B. M. Patil, I. Blang, Kapil Dev. K. D. Ghavn, R. Kinnan, D. R. Doshi, R. Assid.—Agence France-Presse.

Australian board to discuss private tour in S Africa

Sydney, March 5.—The Australian Cricket Board will discuss a proposed private tour of South Africa at their regular meeting next week. The board executive director, David Richards, said today that the tour had not been discussed so far and a special meeting would not be called to formulate any policy on the issue. "The matter is expected to be part of our normal meeting late next week," he said.

The three-week tour from April 8 has been organized by a Sydney businessman, John Everett. The party of 30 will include the former Test cricketers, Geoff Dymock, Gary Gilmour, John Maclean and Ross Duncan. Eight one-day matches have been arranged at venues including Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg.

Mr Everett said it was unfortunate that the Robin Jackman incident on England's current tour of the West Indies had put South Africa back in the limelight but added that he was confident there would not be any romble over the trip. "The visit is a holiday, with a number of wives accompanying the players, and I don't expect any pressure from the Government or anyone else, "he said. Gilmour said the players were paying their own way. "I was last in South Africa in 1976 with Richie Benaud's team and have been walling for an opportunity to return," he added. South Africa were banned from international cricket in ing for an opportunity to return," he added. South Africa were ban-ued from international cricket in

1971 but private cricket parties from England and Australia have since toured there, playing matches against white and multiractal teams. Although no details have been revealed, the tour matches will probably be against club sides with some of South Africa's leading cricketers taking part.

The Australian Test captain Greg Chappell, who is in Perth, said he had rejected two offers to play in South Africa this month because of business and family commitments. Chappell, who has previously toured South Africa in a privately organized team, was quoted in the Melbourne Sun today as saving there was a lot of hypocrisy about South Africa's racial policies. " I don't feel South

isolation in sport will achieve what people want them to do," Chappell was reported to have said. "I feel many black people are better off in South Africa than in other countries and my feelings about South Africa are not as strong as they once were."

The Australian Government are opposed to sporting contacts with South Africa but Canberra sources south Arica but canberra sources believe it is unlikely to register anything more than verbal opposition to the tour. The Australian Board are expected to continue their normal policy of neither official blessing nor condemnation of cricketers touring South ion of cricketers touring South

Athletics

Olympians approve of Antrim's facilities

Mark Naylor and Kathy Small-wood, two of Britain's Olympic athletes, have approved of the facilities for the United Kingdom National championships after a visit to the Antrim Forum, Northern Ireland yesterday, Naylor, the 22-year-old national high jump champion from Hillingdon, and Miss Smallwood, the Reading sprinter, had both had reservations about visiting Northern Ireland, where the championships will be held for the first time.

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Naylor said: "I had the impression that bullets would be flying and bombs would be going off. but. I didn't see a soldier after arriving at the airport, and have been very impressed from the word go. I think the back-up facilities will make this meeting.

"I've never been to Northern Ireland before and didn't realize Antrim was so far from Belfast, and that is important."

Miss Smallwood echoed Naylor's view and both of them plan to compete at the championships, college examinations permitting, and will be asking other athletes to support the event.

Geoff Capes, the former British shot putt champion and now the International Athletics Club chairman, has pledged his support for the event and Les Jones, the secretary of the Northern Ireland AA, said: "Steve Overt, Brian Hooper and Daley Thomson are regular visitors here and once you have got over the barrier of bringing athletes to Northern Ire-

regular visitors here and once you have got over the barrier of bringing athleres to Northern Ireland for the first time, they always want to come back."

The Antrim Forum has the only synthetic track in the province and 4,000 seats, 500 under cover, will be erected for the meeting at the end of May. There will be standing room on the surrounding banking for another 4,000.

David Shaw, the secretary of

David Shaw, the secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board, said : "The facilities might not compare with Crystal Palace or Meadowbank, but you have to start somewhere. It is very impor-tant that these championships are a success. A good championships could be a forerunner of a new stand".

Tennis

Motor rallying

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Football

Liverpool should not reject their manager's caution out of hand

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

Football Correspondent

Bob Paisley, Liverpool's manager, has a famous circumspective attitude to first-leg ties in Enropean competition, declaring that "It's only half-time". Rarely has it been so difficult to accept the principle than after Wednesday's performancas by three of the British trams. Newport County, unexpectedly and pluckily on equal terms with Carl Zeiss of Jena, would not dispute him, but Liverpool, Ipswich Town and West Ham United could be forgiven for thinking that the future is sealed.

In the case of West Ham the "second half" of their Cup Winners' Cup tie against Dinamo Thills in the distant Caucasus a week next Wednesday threatens a long journey of faint hope, their having been beaten 4—1 at Upton Park where the Georgians suddenly reminded them of past fallibility. For Liverpool and Ipswich Town. 5—1 and 4—1 winners against OSKA Sofia and St-Etienne respectively, opportunities to reach the semi-final round of the Euro-OSEA Sofia and St-Etienne respectively, opportunities to reach the semi-final round of the European Cup and Cup Winners' Cup are not often so comfortably cushioned after first legs of the quarter-finals.

Ipswich, having achieved their exemplary success on French soil and won approving local toasts including "As good as Ajax with Cruyff", are indisputably well-placed, but Mr Paisley's own Liverpool team should not reject out of hand-fits natural caution. Until Wednesday CSKA had not

Gale force 11 blowing

For the record

Spars 97: Denvor Nuggets 123, Los Angelos Lakers 114: Boston Celikes 108, Houston Rockets 101: Phoenix Suns 126, Cleveland Carallers 106: Washington Builots 11; San Diego Clippers 103: Golden State Warriot 107, Utah Jaz 105: Scattle Supersonics 105, Indiana Pacers 93.

Boxing

out of Ipswich By Clive White

As the blue and white preado of lpswich Town swept on through France this week and then turned its attention to home again we were left to wonder where it will eventually expire. Those who believe it to be only a storm in a cup and who only read of the devastation it caused in the Rhône Valley on Wednesday night would suggest Nottingham tomorrow as a likely resting place.

Those of us who have followed its trail and wimessed the blast that hurled St-Etienne to their first home defeat in European competition know that it has many more miles to run. Nottingham Forest could be just another disaster area.

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At its core there is more than At its core there is more than just the self-reproducing quality of confidence which comes from a run of 16 games without defeat. It is a coufidence kept to modest proportions by the sort of level-headedness which can only prevail in small, unsophisticated Suffolk town like Ipswich. The players are laced together as tightly as a boot by team spirit. Inswich just may be the best

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most important ".

Those who suggest that Ipswich Those who suggest that Ipswich would still be sailing in Liver-pool's wash if injuries had not kept some of Bob Paisley's men from the bridge do Ipswich an injustice. They have brought together the best of British and Dutch, combining strength and pace with spontaneous creativity. Thissen's unselfish skilful possession and Muhren's uncanny accuracy weigh heavily but are no more important than the potent finishing of Mariner and Wark (50 goals between them) or the incisive tackling of Osman the incisive tackling of Osman and Beattie.

conceded a goal in Europe this season and for some time at Anfield they were technically superior; nor by a small margin. It will be said that Liverpool, alfough still not quite the team they were, can hardly relinquish such a lead and they should not, but one remembers that last season in Tbilist they lost 3—0.

The withdrawal of Thompson early in the first half again emphasized that once the regular defensive partnership is broken Liverpool are vulnerable. Brilliant goals tended to cast out the doubts and whea the Bulgarians faded physically the score belied earlieringenious football. The combined power and control of Djeyisov and Kerimov and bustling force of Yonchev, their scorer, worried all bot Clemence who was magnificent in the Liverpool goal.

Liverpool's strong position was built on two important first half West Ham will provide the opposition.

Carl Zelss Jena, conquerors of
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in earlier rounds, and viewed as
the Liverpool of East Germany,
will not live down their fallers to
beat Newport County, who were
in the fourth division last season.
Newport qualified for the Cup
Winners' Cup as holders of the
Welsh Cup and that is all they
have ever won apart from the
third division (south) championship in 1939.

Their 2—2 draw in East Germany was based on wellorganized defending and occasional breakaways, one of which gave Tynan an equalizer just before half time. In storybook style, Tynan also scored the second equalizer with the last kick of the same

in the Liverpool goal.

Liverpool's strong position was built on two important first half goals that the Bulgarlans would not have had such cause to regret if their own finishing had been more effective. Lacking in recent competitive match practice, CSKA collapsed as Heighway, himself playing in only his third full senior team game of the season, outran them on both flanks. Unusually, Mr Paisley singled him out for stretching the defence. Somess, who had begun the scoring, then enjoyed more space on the approach to the penalty area and scored two more with irresist-ble shots.

Despite the loss of Thompson equalizer with the last kith of the game
Dinamo Tbilisi could become only, the second side from the Soviet Union to win a European trophy. On the other hand, Spartak Moscow's hopes in the European Cup stumbled when held to a goalless draw by Real Madrid on Tbilisi's ground where the weather, better than in Moscow, suited the Spanish champions. As Bayern Munich beat Banik Ostrava 2—0, albelt unimpressively, they should join Liverpool in the semifical; but the East's challenge is maintained by Red Star, Belgrade who reinforced their claims by drawing 1—1 with Internazionale in Milan. Despite the loss of Thompson with a damaged thigh muscle, the

Motor racing

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By John Blunsden

It may be several more days before the details of the FISA-FOCA accord reached in Paris ar-made known, but the basis of the

agreement is believed to leave FISA with responsibility for im-plementing technical regulations, FOCA with effective commercial

control. a new commission in-corporating proper representation from the teams to look after future

rule-making, and the recently agreed rule to remain stable for four years.

It has also been confirmed that

all cars taking part in the United States Grand Prix (West) at Long Beach, California, on March 15, will conform to the new regulations, which means that they will run without skirts and to new maximum dimensions for tyres.

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Although Michellin's offer to service all teams in California, Brazil and Argentina, has not pleased those, such as Ferrari and Renault, who hold long-term contracts with the French tyre company, it was an essential move if the 1981 world championship was to get away to anything like a

to get away to anything like a proper start with a fully representative field of cars.

sentative field of cars.

The gap left by the Goodyear withdrawal—perhaps the most serious casualty of the recent political wer—has yet to be plugged effectively, although Avon and Pirelli will be making a presence in the European races.

Both John Watson and his new team colleague, Andrea de Cesaria, were on hand restretate to also were on hand restretate to also

team colleague, Andrea de Cesaria, were on hand yesterday to give their new car, the Mariboro MP4, its first run at Silverstone, where it was confirmed that Unipart. British Leyland's component and accessory division who backed the Ensign team last year, have joined Philip Morris in co-sponsorship of the McLaren International team.

The most interesting feature of

the McLaren International team.

The most interesting feature of the new car, which has been designed by John Barnard, is its five, piece carbon-fibre chassis. This has been produced in component form by Hercules Industries of Salt Lake City, a company whose manistream activities embrace rockerry and equipment for missiles and lunar modules.

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The individual moulding; of the chassis have been assembled in England by means of bolting and glueing, and apart from offering a weight-saving and improved stiffness, together with a marked reduction in the number of parts, the most practical virtue of the number of the number of parts, the most practical virtue of the number of a practice accident the "tub" can be repaired on site before the race

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Outwardly conventional in appearance, the MP4 has been designed with alternative nose sections: one, as seen at Silverstone, is intended to be used bare, and an alternative design for use in conjunction with a substantial nose wing of the type which was familiar before the advent of the now-discarded skirts.

Tahoutile misses Long Rooch:

Jabouille misses Long Beach :

A smile to

By John Blunsden
Yesterday became the brightest
day for many months in grand
prix racing when it was confirmed
that the long-running battle between the International Meter
Sport Federation (FISA) and the
Formula One Car Constructors'
Association (FOCA) is finally at
an end; that Michelin have solved
many teams' tyre worries by
guaranteeing to supply all competitors for the next three races;
and McLaren International unvailed their latest grand prix
challanger, which embodies space
age technology in the construction
of its chassis.

It may be several more days

The Cup Final will take Georgia off their minds

Before Wednesday's European Cup Winners' cup rie, West Ham United's only sight of Dinamo Tbilisi had been on film. Now the have met the Russian stars in person and have another video for their collection. John Lyali,

person and have another video for their collection. John Lyall, West Ham's manager, has even given it a title: "How football should be played."

West Ham may find it painful viewing, particularly for their defence, but at least there is something to learn from their 4—1 home defeat. The performance of Kipiani, an undikely lean figure with moustache and receding hair, will be worth watching again and so will the display of Chivadze, the Russian footballer of the year in 1980.

As Mr Lyall poluted out, like all great reams, they had an extra man in defence and in attack whenever necessary. If the speed of their breaks was dazzling, then so was the finishing of Chivadze, Gutzaev and Shengelia, twice. Cross scored the lone reply, andging Brooking's corner and a defender at the near post.

West Ham have always searched for brilliance contained within a tight framework of discipline. This season they have come close to achieving that ambition on

their way to the second division title and the League Cup final. On Wednesday, though, their progress was put into sharp perspec-

gress was put into sharp perspective.

After suffering almost the first setback of the season, West Ham have little time in which to pick up the pieces. In eight days they meet Liverpool at Wembley and they may do so without Devonshire, who hobbled off with a twisted left knee and ankle. Two days later they leave on the 8,000 mile round trip to Georgia.

Allen could fill the vacancy, at

aller could fril the vacancy, at least against Newcastle United on Saturday, but a more ambitious idea would be to bring back Pearson. Although he lacks match liness, his experience and his role as a wide striker, as against Arsenal in last year's FA Cup final, might be the best answer to the immediate future.

The lasting memory of the immediate past at Upton Park will be of an enchanting night that belonged to the Russians, of a competetive but fair contest and

belonged to the Russians, of a competence but fair contest and of shooting that was delicate and deadly. But perhaps the most pleasing aspect was the warm, standing ovation given to the visitors at the end, Madrid, and all the sad events there, seemed a long way away indeed.

The prodigal Ball returns

Alan Ball is back at Southampton, two days afer resigning from the player-manager's job at Blackpool. The 35-year-old Ball, the only still active member of England's 1966 World Cap winning side signed late on Wednesday and plays in tomorrow's first division match against Manchester United at The Dell.

Just over a year ago Ball left Southampton to take over at

Yesterday's results SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Southern divi-sion: Addictions and Weybridge 1. Hillipgdon 1; Bognor Regis 5. Crawley SCHOOLS: Cardinal Vanighan d. Spencer Park 5: U.C.S., Hampsleed 2: Lancing 5. Rugby Union: Schools: Ouren Elizabeth's C.S., Wakefield 19, Bredileld G.S. 7.

fee of around £200,800: Forests' manager, Brian Clough, had talks with the player in yermany yesterday after watching him in action for Bayern Musich against the Czechoslovak champions Banik Ostrava in the European Cup on Wednesday.

Wednesday.

Aas, who had a trial for Arsenal
earlier in the scason, agreed to
join Forest after his meeting with Southampton to take over at Mr Clough and will fly to Not-Blackpool, but the Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy has clearly lost none of his respect for the midfield man. Mr McMenemy, who cut short a trip to Spain to sign him, said: "Alan is just the man to hoost our drive towards a record loss of 5865.000 in 1978-79, are still hopeful of sign-man to hoost our drive towards." man to boost our drive towards ing Francesco Graziani. Torino's international striker. But they have withdrawn from negotiations the Norwegian international central defender, Einar Azs, for a midfield player.

> Tonight's fixtures SECOND DIVISION: Swanson v Wrex-am (1.30). Prision: Stockport v bythamplon (7.30). Scunthorne Utd Bournmouth (7.13). Northampion 17.30; Scanthorpe Utd v Bourn-mouth 17.13; RUGBY UNION: Bedford v RAF (7.15). Claucester v Northempion (7.0). Neath v Pontypool 7.0; Ponty-pridd v Bristol (7.0; Rosslyn Park v Ester (7.15).

Jabouille misses Long Beach: The French driver, Jean-Pierre Jabouille, will miss the first grand prix race at Long Beach, a spokesman for the Talbot-Ligier team man for the Talbot-Ligier team said yesterday. Jabouille and the team director. Guy Ligier, agreed it was too risky for Jabouille to drive in the difficult street event as his first race after suffering two badly broken legs at Montreal in the Canadian Grand Prix last September.

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He will be replaced for the United States Grand Prix (West) by another Frenchman, Jean-Pierre Jarier. The spokesman said Jabouille was likely to race in the next event, at Rio de Janeiro, on March 29. Jabouille has been test driving for the next week but bit driving for the next week but bit driving for the past week but his legs were "still fragile and any incident could be disastrous."

The call of the cup has a reviving effect on the flagging spirits of Barnwell's Molineux men

History, ancient and modern, favours Wolves

Wolverhampton Wanderers' progress to the last eight of the FA Cup, faltering though it has sometimes been, has enabled them to salvage something from a season which promised to take them nowhere. Around Christmas, they jost three successive league marches and were beginning to concede goals at an alarming rate. They had already, as holders, been elimi-nated from the Football League Cup, by Cambridge United and their excursion into the Uefa Cup was equally brief. PSV Eiudhoven eliminating them in the first

The feeling was growing that John Barnwell and his assistant, Richie Barker, had taken the present players about as far as was possible but the nearing prospect of Wembley Stadium has a marvellously reviving effect. So far, Wolves have knocked out Stoke City and Watford, needing replays at Molineux on each occasion, and Wrexham—victory that time being sealed when Norman Bell came on sealed when Norman Bell came on as substitute and promptly hit two goals of the kind which set the net billowing and lift the crowd to unlike, heights of enthusiasm. to unlikely heights of enthusiasm. Few teams religh a trip to Ayresome Park but recent history as well as tradition is on the side of Wolves. They reached the FA Cup semi-final round in 1979, passed through the League Cup semi-final last season on their way to victory over Nottingham Forest and face in Middlesbrough a team who. surprisingly, have never reached the last four of the FA Cup.

None of these achievements appeared in any way likely when Mr Barnwell took over as manager in November, 1978. He had left Peterborough United because, in his opinion, they lacked ambition, a quality which he has in abundance. One of his first decisions was to summon Mr Barker, then manager of Shrewsbury Town, as his assistant. The immediate prospects were bleak, for Wolves had lost 11 of their first 15 league games in 1978-79 and were such apparent certainties to be relegated that it was scarcely worth betting on the outcome. The new management



Barnwell: breathed a new sense of purpose

team, however, made such good team, however, made siten good use of the players already at the club that Wolves finished safely in eightteenth position and were only a step away from Wembley when Arsenal beat them. It was a considerable feat to pull Wolves away from disaster, specially as Mr Barnwell sus-

tained severe injuries in a rameo severe injuries in a car-accident that April. He was still feeling the effect at the start of last season but progress was maintained and sixth position in the first division added to the League Cup success. Even now, the bulk of the players were at Molineux when

Mr Barnwell took over and he has made only four serious excur-sions into the transfer market. sions into the transfer market. Wolves, to their considerable surprise, found that Manchester City were willing to pay close on £1½m for Steve Daley and promptly used the money to buy Andy Gray from Aston Villa, the difference in the fees meaning that they have acquired one of the country's most dangerous forwards at a cost of £5,000.

Emlya Hughes, nearing the end of a career strewn with honours, was brought in from Liverpool to add his experience and enthusiasm to the defence and the two other deals involved David Thomas, who have the North the North deals involved David Thomas, who has sluce gone into the North American Soccer League, and the Uruguyan, Rafael Villazan, who had been playing for Huelva in the Spauish second division.

The handsome new stand at Molyneux makes the financial situation even more delicate and, in common with most other managers in these restricted days, Mr Bartweil must sell before he can buy again. He and Mr Barker have already achieved spectacular can buy again. He and Mr Barker have already achieved spectacular results through their ability to breath a new sense of purpose into jaded players and a second Wembley appearance in two years would, particularly when seen in the context of the club's condition only 26 months ago, eard them even greater respect.

With yours players such as them even greater respect.

With young players such as Michael Hollifield, John Humphrey, Wayne Clarke and Hugh Atkinson beginning to make their presence felt. Wolves may be able to survive even without the driving power of Peter Daniel who, after being injured against Aston Villa last week, was found to have a torn cartilage as well as a

a torn cartilage as well as a broken leg.

The example of John McAlle may help to sustain him. McAlle suffered a broken leg within a minute of appearing as substitute against Watford last season. Now he is back in defence and helping Wolves to put some daylight between themselves and the clubs scrapping to avoid relegation. torn cartilage as well as a

Gerald Richmond

Craggs remains a solitary monument to the legend of the four man-mountains

Chips of the old blocks of Yorkshire stone

"Kick it", "Belt it", "Thump it" and "Whack it" some people called them. From their surnames, appearance and atyle, the four fearsome holders of these sobriquets might as well have been kicked, belted, thumped or whacked out of local north-eastern quarries. In 1973 Crages, Boam, Maddren and Spraggon were the foundation stones of Middlesbrough's defence.

Jack Charlton, himself an unjack Charlton, himself an uncompromising and experienced
centre half, knew the value of a
solid base and, on the sturdy
contours of these monoliths, he
built an admirable, efficient unit.
Nothing was given away, little was
wasted. The team steam-rolled
remorselessly through the season,
crushing their second division
rivals as well as the critics along
the way to finish 15 points clear. the way to fluish 15 points clear.

Such strength was to serve them well in the cold blast of the first division, where even more stable foundations are undermined or swept away. Yet survival was not enough for Mr Charlton, particularly when he saw Nottingham Forest, fellow newcomers, accelerate past to the championship. Three years later he moved down and south to Sheffield, leaving the remains with a fellow Geordie, John Neal.

"As I walked through the

John Neal.

"As I walked through the doors here". Mr Neal said, "I wondered if I was doing the right thing; but I had no preconceptions. I followed my instinct, as I have done throughout my magazerial career. "Strangely enough, my one glimpse of Middlesbrough was in the FA Cup two years before when my old clut, Wrexham, played them at the Race-course Ground. I rated them highly then, although we were lucky eaough to knock them out, 1—0. I knew they had a good set-up and that they had a some fine players".

Of the ream that won promotion

players "Of the team that won promotion
in 1974, three survive—Platt, substitute for Jennings in Northern
Ireland's goal: Cragge, the club's longest-serving member; and Armstrong, who started a run of 356 successive games on the left side of midfield. Injury put an end to his remarkable record earlier this



John Neal: heir to the inheritance of Ayresome Park.

Mr Neal has taken out his pen only four times to write significant cheques. He bought the versatile Ashcroft from his own former clob; Cochrane, for whom he paid Burnley the odd sum of 1233,333; Nattrass, the most expensive of all from Newcastle United; and Jankovic, a borry but skilful international striker from Yugoslavia.

The rest of the rownsters

The rest of the youngsters, apart from Johnston, were grown in Mr Charlton's greenhouse and are shooting to prominence. Even the seed of the idea of Johnston's arrival was sown by Mr

Charlton during a summer tour of Australia in 1975. Now gaining recognition, it is said that Johnston may be leaving when his contract expires in May. contract expires in May.

"The press have linked him with all the sides in the first division already". Mr Neal said.
"I'm waiting for them to go through all the ones in the second. Naturally, I want him to stay. When you mould a side and work hard to fit the jigsaw together, you don't want to lose any of the pieces."

It is Middlesbrough's style, not the players, that has altered in the

past four years. Gone is the cau-tious approach of short passes and slow build-up. Individuals are allowed to express themselves and the likes of Proctor, Johnston and Hodgson, all three of whom played for England's under-21 side against the Republic of Ireland recently, have brought with them a spirit of adventure and the fresh smell

of hope. The scent will never be more powerful in their nostrils than at 3.0 tomorrow afternoon. Middlesbrough may nor have a glamorous past, but after 105 years of walting in theshadows, they stand 90 minutes away from the bright lights of the FA Cup semi-final for the first time. A vectome Park will

the first time. Ayresome Park will shudder with expectaticy. Their supporters are not with-out golden memories but most lie out gotten memories but most he covered in dust. Before the turn of the century Middlesbrough left the professional ranks and twice won the FA Amateur Cup. In 1905 they paid the then astonishing fee of £1,400 for Alf Common, a zoal scorer of obviously una goal scorer of obviously uncommon quality.

Steve Bloomer arrived soon afterwards, later to step into folk-lore alongside other Middlesbrough giants like Wilf Mannion, an arrist in midfield, and Alf Camsell, who scored 59 goals in 1927 in the club's total of 122. Yet they are small splashes of colour on a palette that is, for the most part, grey as granite.

After brushing aside Swansea

After brushing aside Swansea City 5—0 away, West Bromwich Albion 1—0 and Barusley 2—1 at home. Middleshrough are poised to add another bruch of red to the picture. Preparations this week were not ideal. Mr Neal took his side away on Tuesday for an outing—to Nottingham Forest for a league game.

Ashcroft remains doubtful but will probably play. He will want to. It is the club's biggest day since a distant evening in 1876. Then, in a local hotel, Middlesbrough Football Club were formed during the formed former.

Stuart Jones

European champions strike the first blow for Britain

From John Hennessy
Hartford (Connecticut) March 5
Jayne Turvill and Christopher
Dean, the British and European
champions, struck the first blow,
in the ne dance event of the
world championships here this
morning. They won the first two
compulsories and have thus established a Comfortable lead over
Rina Musseyera and Audrei
Minenkov, of the Soviet Union,
former world champions, and Jody
Blumberg and Michael Seibert,
holders of the American title.

There is some way to gu yet,
with another compulsory tomorrow
together with the original set pattern, and the free dance on Saturday, but the pulshed technique
and sophisticated presentation the
British couple achieved today
ofters a strong hope for the guid
medal. One judge, the Canadian,
placed the Russians ahead by 0 1
in the paso doble, but the overall
position suggests that at least Britain will go into the free dance
with an encouraging lead.

The second British couple.
Karen Borber and Nicholas Slater,
are in seventh position and the
third, Wendy Sessions and Stephen
Williams, are 11th.

The pairs final last night produced a result that would have
been inconceivable a few years
ago, when the sport was
monotonously predictable; not one
of the medal winners at Dormund
jast year has survived. True, the
sliver medal-winner had suffered
injury, but the Russian holders of
the file were here relegated to
fourth place and the holders of the

bronze, another pair from the Soviet Umon, have lost their place altogether in the national main. altogether in the national ream.

Even so, the Soviet Union retained the title, through Irina Vorobieta and her hushand, Igor Lisovski, winners of the European title a month 120. They somehow combined a little of the verve of Irina Rodnina and her various partners with a little of the flowing armstry of the Protopopous, Add to that the charm of Vorobiets and von have all the ingredients of a world champion. A lapse of concentration on the part of Lisovski, which left him a helpless by stander while his partner did their Ingeneda came! spin alone was not enough to turn spin alone was not enough to turn the judges against them.

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the judges against them.

Germans from East and West took the lesser medals, which gate the competition a cosmopolitan flavour it has lacked in recent years under the domination of Miss Rodmina. The coung British pair, Susan Garland, aged 14, and Robert Daw, 17, again skated splendidly, with the momentary touchdown on the throw double Axel as their only obvious blemish. In one year, their marks have improved from an average of about 4.7 to 5.3, which is beginning to put them in the big league. Their position moved from 13th to eighth.

The men's short programme

The men's short programme shook up the first six in the order. David Santee, third on Tuesday, ascended to first place yesterday on 2.4 points, followed by Jean-Christophe Simond (Francel with 2.6, Scott Hamilton bits tree skating is garmy meets to be strong enough to recover the familiary has eighth place preserved his inflicted on him. The Japanese and the Russians could still aspire to the gold medal but only by default. Hamilton, on his day, is the best



Flowering of talent: the medal winners in the pairs competition accept tributes.

(US) on 2.3, Fumio Igarachi free skater in the world and he (Japan) on 4.4, Igor Bubila most now he a strong favouable, (Sowiet Union) on 4.6 and Brian though his victory in the short programme over Igarachi and programme over Igarachi and It now seems that Pricket has dropped out of the running, since his tree skaping is hardly likely

programme over 1921 and Samee came about only after a split decision on the part of the judges and a complicated countback. Hamiton achieved 21 place marks compared with Lacashi's 19, his skelely double loop in the combenition jump having told against him. HITT.

MEN'S FIGURE SKATING: Retail: 1.

England must raise their

game to crack Irish nut

Rugby Union

From Peter West

Hopeful Shot switches to a new target

Racing Correspondent The race meeting due to be held at Haydock Park this afterheld at Haydock Park this aftermon was scrapped yesterday because part of the burdles course
was waterlogged. But provided
that the weather does not turn
savage in the next 24 hours racing
will be possible there tomorrow
simply because the stewards of
the Jockey Club were able to draw
in contingency plans sufficiently
far in advance when they were
warned about the problem on their
hurdles course by their inspector

warded about the problem on their hurdles course by their inspector of courses.

Tomorrow's card will now comprise only the steeplechases originally due to have been run during the two days and it should make for an enthralling programme. Because of the problems at Haydock the field for the March Hare Handicap Burdle at Newbury today now includes two hurses who otherwise would have Newbury today now includes two horses who otherwise would have run in the more valuable Victor Ludorum Hordie on the Lancashire course tomorrow. They are Hopeful Shot and Great Developer and together they should help make moday's race a much more absorbing affair as they head the liandicap with 12st and 11st 11th respectively.

Hopeful Shot, who is my relection in this instance, has won twice already at Newbury this

Newbury programme

|Television (BEC 2), 2.30, 3.0, 3.30 and 4.0 races|
2.0 WHATCOMBE HURDLE (Div I: novices: £1.229: 2m 100yd)

Brown Chamberlin, 100-30 Tru Mar. 5-1 Red Ronan, 13-2 Lucylar, 1908 Hill, Goldon River, 10-1 Lech Holl, 16-1 others

2.30 THREE FIVES YOUNG CHASERS' RACE (Qualifier

2.30 THREE FIVES YOUNG ASSETS 5-11-11 J. Francome 12,165: 2;m)
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3.0 ARKELL BREWERY CHASE (Handicap: £2,913: 2m 160yd)

3.30 MARCH HARE HURDLE (Handicap: 4y-n: £2.922: 2m)

4.0 BATH ROAD HURDLE (Handicap: £2,868: 3m 120vd)

4.30 WHATCOMBE HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £1,266: 2m)
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sesson. Those successes were achieved way back in the aurumn. In the meantime he has bad the misfortune to cross paths twice with the Triumph Hurdle favourite, Broadsword, and each time he has come off second best.

Hopeful Shot was also beaten by Apple Wind at Doncaster at the end of January but time may prove that he was attempting the impossible there where he was trying to give 101b to a horse who has now won four of his last five

Until the Victor Ludorum looked Until the Victor Ludorum looked like being a victim of Haydock's problem with drainage Hazeldean was to have been David Nicholson's only runner in today's race and it is perfectly possible to argue that he has an excellent chance of bearing Hopeful Shot. After all only five lengths divided them in November and now Hazeldean has been set to receive 17lb from his old rival.

Hopeful Shot is preferred though simply because his form overall stands up the better under scruttny. Hazeldean's stable comscrutiny. Hazeldeau's stable com-panion Great Developer, being the out-and-out stayer that he is, should be in his element on to-day's demanding course. He won his latest race at Fontwell Park decisively but I will be surprised if his rider is given so much rope

Every bit as open as the March Hare Handicap Hurdle is the Arkle Brewery Handicap Hurdle is the Arkle Brewery Handicap Steeplechase even though if has afracted fewer runners. Money Talks and Socka have Clashed already this season as indeed have Early Spring and Professor Plum. With so much evidence to call upon the handicapper has been able to fill in a few blank spaces in the annual form book

My first inclination was to go for Money Talks who beat Socks by six lengths at Windsor in January but on second thoughts I've decided to plump for Early Spring, who seems to have taken on a new lease of life at the age of 11. He excelled when he won the New Year Handicap Steeplechase over roday's course and distance, needless to say at the beginning of January. No manter how Money Talks fares his trainer, Les Keonard, may still not leave the course empty handed because Two Coppers, his runner in the Bath Road Handicap Hordle, appears to have a better than eversee chance

Leney Dual, my selection for the Three Fives Young Steeplechasers Qualifier, has better performances to his credit this season than any of his rivais even though he finished out of the first four in his last race in which he started favourite.

Clear victory for Sointulla Boy

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On a wet, miserable day, at
Ludlow vesterday the most impressive winner was Soinmila Boy
who earned a tilt at Cheltenham's
Arkle' Challenge Trophy after
gaining a facile success in the
second division of the Bromfield
Novices Chase.

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Novices Chase.

After coming second to such
top performers as Easter, Eel.
Clayside and Stopped, Sointuila
Boy was not wiming out of turn.
He was always going well and
after disputing the lead five
fences out, came through "on
the bridle" to lead with three
to jump. He negotiated them in
splendid style and came home
hard held in the hands of Tim
Houlbrooke to win by five lengths
from Wollop, Sointuila Boy is
trained by Houlbrooke's mother,
Heulwen, in her first season as
a permit holder.

Ludiow results

1.45 (1.46) BROMFIELD CHASE (Oth Ketani M. Barrett (24-1) a TOTE: win. 15p; places, 10p, 23p, 26p. Dual i 55p. CSF; 65p. W. Jenks al Bridgnorth, 5l, 25l, Our Laurie 15-1: 4th, 12 mm. 15-11 4th 12 ran.

2.15 (2.16) SORDER HURDLE (Sciling handleap 1403; 2m)

THE HARMSER, ch m by Virginia Boy-Kirtwali (C. Bowden) 6-11-3; C. McSharry (15-8 lav) 1 Little Tyrant M. O'Contor (13-3) 2 Tonte Boy ... C. Davies (16-1) 3 TOTE: win. Con: places, 38p. 11s. 38p. Dual F. 39p. CSN: 77p. Korsan at Grantham. 81, 1-3. Firebours (12-1) 4th. 12 ran. Winner was bought in for 666gns.

2.45 (2.46) BROMFIELD CHASE (Div iii. 6-y-8 novices: £640: 3mj .
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Corner—Resi in the Stin (Mrs
H Hotelbrooke: 11-5
Mr T. Houtbrooke 18-15 fav: 1
Wolop S. May 112-1: 2
Midnight Song S. Smith Ecros (10-1: 3

TOTE: win, 180; places, 10r, 12n, 35n, Duai F 44n, CSF 69p, Mrs H Hed/brooke at tedbury, 31, 21, Murray Thwalles (25-1) 4th, 12 ran. TOTE: Win, 13p; slaces, 21p, 52p, 10p, 56p, Dual F. 22.05. CSF; 54 84 bl. D. Kent, at Chichester, 71, 11d, Promination (14-1) 4th 21 ran. ART. Churchild, Flying Wallar, Reckie Linn.

All 12 ran.

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PRINCE OF PLEASURE, b. q. by
Shifty Song-Counvel's Opinion
(S. Spokes) 8-10-7

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Prince Fury A. Webber (4-1) 3
TOTE Win. 21.04: places, 25p. 51n.
Son. Dual F. 21.50. CST: 25 act. b.
Tate. at Kinderminster. 25-8. 201.
Whistle For Gold 3-1 fav. Lumpshade
(55-1) 4th. 15 ran NR: Valuan
Lapress.

5.15 (10) CORVEDALE HURDLE
1-y-p-novices: 2276 2ms
STRATMDEARN, or f. by Saltiumer
-Shenarchic 0 Francis.
-Shenarchic 9 P. Haynes (3-1) 2
Latin American
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From Peter West Rugby Correspondent Dublio, March 5 The chairman of England's selectors, "Budge" Rogers, and in Dublin yesterday that he regarded tomorrow's international against leebad as representing a very difficult assignment indeed. "There is only one way we're going to win it", he said, "and that's by control up front. The time is due for our forwards to

going to win it", he said, "and that's by control up front. The time is due for our forwards to provide their best performance in the championship".

These views, surely realistic enough- were echoed by the captain, Bill Beaumont, who wan his first cap in Dublin six years ago and is now about to play his fourth encounter at Lansdowne Road. "We've always looked upon the Irish game as being the hardest nut to track this season," he said, "and, although Ireland have lost to France and Wales, it would not have taken much for them to have won both games. They're bound now to make: a tremendous effort against us. Every international is tough, especially when it's away from home, and we're under no illusions that this one will be as tough as any."

Beaumont went on to reflect that he had never known an occasion when the Irish forwards were not a distinct handful to cope with. However, England's pack sume them almost without trace at Twickenham last season, so how confident was the captain that a restructured pack could do the same again? "I thuk we're capable of giving the same performance," Beaumont said, "but obviously we've got to lift our game."

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The captain expressed the hope that England would have a repeat of the dry conditions they enjoyed against Scotland, and conceded that a wet day might be more to Irish hiding. He may be disappointed, since the forecast does not sound too good. It was not much of a soft Irish after-

Welsh will face

yesterday than hitherto. After a hard workout at the National Studium the chairman of theselectors, Keith Rowlands, pronounced his team fully fit for tomorrow's game against France: "The boys are certainly more on their toes than a month ago. They are fixer both mentally and physically.

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Mr. Rolands conceded that
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rance are the only one of the five competing countries to who away from home: "Parc des Princes is an extremely difficult place to play ", he said, "And it is going to be a hard hurdle, particularly for some of our younger players. It is going to be a real test of character for them".

The coach, John Lloyd, said: "We have introduced some new blood and in the last international we had a better performance than we had a gainst Scotland. Now everyone is looking forward to the challenge of Parls. We not our game right at forward against Ireland, let's hope we can put things together behind, get some fluency and score some tries".

Two former Wales players, Eddie Butter and Tetry Cobner, are reumted in the Pomypool back row which plays at Neath tonight. Butter leads the side and Lyndon Faulkner feturns at terme for his first senior match

Lyndon Faulkner returns at centre for his first senior match since January.

of character

a test

Bristol call on Dun to Despite the fact that the Welsh centenary season has not been the huge success administrators and players had hoped for, there was a more confident air at Cardiff yesterday than hitherto.

Mennea retires

Africa.

Michael Gibson, one of Ireland's reserve forwards, went to hospital yesterday with suspected appendicitis. The Irish selectors have called up the Shannon flanker, Colm Tucker, who played for the Lions in the last two internationals

Turin, March 5.—The Italian sprinter Pietro Mennea who said before winning the gold medal in Moscow over 200 metres that he might retire, kept his promise yesterday when he announced his retrement. Mennea was also world record holder over the distance.

The Bristol stand-off, David Sorrell, was named for tonight's match at Pontypridd, despite injuring a hamstring in Tuesday's 25-3 win over the Army. He tested the damaged leg last night as Phil Cue, who has had an outstanding season at full back, stood by to change positions.

Bristol lost the No 8, Steve Gorvett, with a head wound against the Army-he needed seven stitches after colliding with Mike Rafter—and his place goes to the medical student, Andy Dun. It will be Dun's first senior game since October. Pontypridd will be without their veteral lock, Bob Penberthy.

Bath go to Camborne temorrow for a vital merit table match without the Dunchman, Michel van der Loos. He. has gone home for a holiday before jolning an Australian club where be will link up with another Bath forward. Simon Jones.

His place at lock will be taken

Why Mottram has to win his first match

Tennis Correspondent

Italy should beat Britain 32, perhaps 4-1, in the first round Davis Cup he to be comfortably encounced in the Brighton Centre Inday, namorrow and on Sunday. The winners are guaranteed a minimum of about \$22,000, the minimum of about 222,000, the losers a minimum of 19,000, by the Suppon Electric Company, the competition's first or all sponsors. Any British player who mins a match will be paid a bonus of \$200 (in the case of doubles (300 each) by the teams' national sponsors the bottlers of Coca-

Italy must be faroured because they are stronger in depth. Christopher Mottram has broken rien in four matthes with Ad-Earneenth 3-1, and on that form is capable of beating both-as he almost certainly must if Britain are to have a chance, But even if Mottram is equal to that form-idable task, it would be unreasonable to have much considence in Britain's ability to win ansher match.

The evidence suggests, with in-tiondating clarity that Rinard Lewis (who shares the singles with Mottram) and the

Lewis (who shares the singles burden with Mottram) and the British doubles team will not be in quite the same class as their opponents. It will therefore be necessary for either Leuis or the doubles pair, preferably all of them, to contound that elidence by mantaining a level of performance higher than that so far associated with them.

Such an achievement is possible. Datts Cep competition is a law unto itself, especially—preaminable—in the context of Brighton and March. Logic can be a fallible guide on such occasions. Moreover, even logic assumes that the Italians will be close to the form that has taken them to the final four times in live years. They are no longer improving and Panatta's virength and competitive confidence are less journidaing than they were a few years and when twice he became the only player who has ever beaten Bjorn Borg in the French champiotship. Panatta' remains a superbatblet and, on his day, the most delightfully gifted of all modern players. But at 30, he has reached an age when his fierce first service tends to lose some of its sting

mood at the Monkstown Rugby Club yeserday when the England party trained for upwards of an hour in a raw wind and on a saturated pitch. In all other respects the local welcome was characteristically hospitable.

The looker, Peter Wheeler, was none the worse for his recent shoulder injury, and the scrum half, Steve Smith, moved freely enough after a slight grain strain sustained a week ago. Smith, en passant, is the sale survivor from the England party that came to Dublin in 1973—the year when Scotland and Wales felt unable to travel — and won themselves a tremendous welcome as they came out on to the field. The hoars subsequently gave England a sound beating, and England's captain, John Pullin, observed at the banquet afterwards: "Well, we may not be much good, but at least we furn up".

An encouraging faature of yesterday's activity was the sight of the lock, Maurice Colclough, jumping with his old ardour at the lineout practice and catching the ball with two hands again. He has had two quiet games for England this year after belong a considerable force with the Lions in South Africa.

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an age when his fierce first service tends to lose some of its sing in the course of a long match— and at Brighton he will probably

Berioluces, another atvilah shot-makers as well as singles.

The form of Mottram and Panatta will be heavily influential and the morale of both could be affected by the first match. Today's programme (4.30) will be Mottram v Panatta followed by Lewis v the Italian No. I. Barazzaiti. The provisional pairings for iomortow's doubles (7.00) are Andrew Jarett and Jonathan Smith v Bertolucci and Panatta, but these Above Janett and Ponatta, but these partnerships can be amended up to an hour before the match—possibly by the introduction of Mottram. Sunday's reverse singles (2.00) will be Lewis v Panatta and Mottram v Barazzutti.

Motiram v Barazzutti.

Jarett and Snuth have yet to play in the Davis Cup competition.

Motiram's record is 17-5 in singles and 3-2 in doubles. Lewis played one singles in 1977, three in 1978, and won them all—but he had to fight desperately hard to heat nonentities. His recall to a transmomentimes, his tecall to a transmomentime of seven singles in the European indoor compension for the King's Cup. Again, he did not have much to beat by this weekend's standards—but again he demonstrated that he could fight and that he could win. If Lewis has it in him to play one match of surpassing excelence, this is

and that he could win. If Levis has it in him to play one match of surpaying excelence, this is the time for it.

Italy beat Britain 4—I at Wimbledon in 1976 and 4—I in Rome in 1979. It Britain win this time thirty will play New Zealand at home or Korea away in the second round. If Britain lost, they will be at hometo Korea or New Zealand in a play-off the tibe in ers will be relegated from the main 16-nation event to the 1982 yound series, which will lastically be a qualifying event for the 16-nation ellie in 1982.)

The Lawn Tennia Association announced yesterday that after discussions with the Sports Council, arising from the report of a committee of inquiry into British tennis, it seems likely that within 12 mouths the scattered national training facilities will be shifted to the National Sports Centre at Bisham Abbey, near Marlow.

The success of the Football Association's similar arrangement at Lilleshall encourages optimism about the projected link between tennis and Bisham Abbey. The facilities would have to be adapted for the benefit of tennis but the scheme is expected to be approved at a Sports Council meeting on April 6.

Competitors hurt in accident

From Lewine Mair

Golf

Vale do Lobo, March 5

What should have been a thoroughly satisfying day for Garry Logan at Vale do Lobo as he won his tifth Longshot pro am in six starts, was marred by the car accident involving four of his fellow competitors late on Wednesday nighth.

Guy Rich, the ex secretary of Bramley GC, died of a heart attack shortly after the collision, in which professionals Bob Wynn and Vince Hood were both seriously injured.

It was on a notoriously dangerous bend on the road leading to Vale do Lobo that Wynn's car went out of control.

Wynn, who was off the danger list at Faro hospital by lunch time yesterday, has a collapsed lung, an assortment of broken ribs and has broken both less.

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need hip and wrist surgery. It is
expected that the two will be
flown from Portugal today to continue their treatment in London
hospitals. The only other traveller
in the car, Len Bryant, escaped
with minor injuries.
Logan, who came our to
Portugal on January 1 with an
overdraft of £4,000, has pocketed
£7,300 in prize money during his
run of success. Not only did his
206 aggregate—69. 67, 70—leave
him two shots clear of Christy
O'Connor and Ewen Murray but
it was good eaough, by one shot,
to win him an extra £1,000 for
baving the lowest aggregate over
two Longshot events.
Knowing that he could not
afford to drop a shot over the
last three holes if he was to win
this extra award, Logan firished
425 against the par of 534. He hit
a glorious two iron onto the heart
of the 18th green on runt to his

a glorious two iron onto the heart of the 16th green on route to his birdle and, after driving into a small bush at the 18th, did nothing more than make certain of his

Now 25, Logan feels that he has Now 25, Logan feels that he has come to the end of a lean spell which, he insists, was at one time so bad that "I could not have won a monthly medal". After seeking the advice of countless professionals he decided to Dy, on his own, to rediscover the simple swing which had served him in his amateur days.

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Simol Jones.

His place at lock will be taken by Andy Marriort for a game Bath must win to stand even a slim chance of qualifying for next season's. John Player Cup. While defeat would leave them firmly outside the qualifying group of four even a win would leave them needing to beat Bristol on Easter Saturday and Plymouth Albion losing their two remaining merit matches, at home to Exeter and Bristol. Charke Raiston is brought in at full back while two Cornishmen, Barry Trevaskis (wing) and Gareth Shilcott (prop) both come into the side.

Simple swhig which had served fund in his amater days.

By the end of lest season there were signs that things were coming right but, as he concentrated on his long game, so his short game went to pieces. He worked long and hard on his pitching and putting over Christmas and, though he dropped 14 shots to par over his first two pro ams of 1981, he has been a total of 25 miles houses, 64, n7, 76, 208: E. Murray (Walton Hoath), 68, 73, 67: 209: J. Farmer chuddingston, 68, 73

Rugby League

Plotting a course back to top By Keith Macklin

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Two days of strenuous exercises and listening to lectures await leading Rugby League coaches today and tomorrow at Carnegie College, Leeds. Memories of Great Britain's fitness and technique failures against Australian and New Zealand international sides have resulted in 30 of the 31 teams in the two divisions sending coaches to the conference which is the ides of Colin Hutton and John Whitley, the Great Britain manager and coach.

Among the coaches attending

Among the coaches attending will be Roger Miliward, Doug Laughton, Arthur Bunting, Kel Coslett, George Feirbairn and Tommy Bishop. The conference, organized by the League, will mix an exercise programme with an aimost equally intense programme of lectures, film shows, video rapes and discussions. Subjects include fitness, speed, strength, stamina, the role of the coach, planning a training programme and assessing a player's fitness potential. The course will be run by Rod McKenzie, senior lecturer in physical education at Leeds Polytechnic.

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George Noyce, the Fulham secretary, said yesterday that his club could miss promotion if the League insisted on it playing four games in mine days over Easter. Mr Noyce said that the League had ruled that the posponed game at Rochdale should be played on April 16, after Rochdale Hornets had asked for a Good Friday fixture. Fulham would have to play Batley on April 12, Huddersfield on Easter Sunday, April 19, and then the final home game against Doncaster on Easter Monday.

Mr Noyce added: "There is no aggravation with the Rugby League, but we wanted the Roch-

no aggravation with the Rugby League, but we wanted the Roch-dale match to be played in midweek round about now. We understand Rochdale wanting a big gate around Easter but our first priority is promition. We have a small squad and a couple of injuries could put us in serious trouble."

On a pleasanter note, Mr Noyce expressed the club's pleasure at the meteoric rise to the Welsh international side of Martin Herdman, who is skilled at boxing and karate as well as rugby. "It is amazing to think that he was playing amateur Rugby League on Sunday mornings for Peckham less than two months ago," said Mr Novce. "It is a real thrill to have created our own homegrown member of an international squad." Holdstock declines : Steve Hold-

Holdstock declines: Steve Hold-stock, the Nottingham Rugby Union winger, a candidate for England's summer tour of Argen-tina, has turned down an offer from Hull Kingston Rovers to turn professional. "It was a tempting offer financially but I am commit-ted to Rugby Union," said Hold-stock.

Boxing

The picture show left hand will hit the screen

By Srikumer Sen Boxing Correspondent

John Contch, who varied to be a piano player but who u.cd it's picture-show left hand to bent out a world high-heavyweight crown for himself from 1973 to 1677 instead, has retired. He has had a free-tigare offer for my ine story from the Desig Micros that betters what he would have received from his challenge for Carlos de Leon's crait reight title As Conten's business manager. Bobby Naidon said: "The match had been approved but he was fired of waiting for a date." Conten, who is also a for him model, can concentrate on his business commitments, specially his restaurant in London's West John Conteb, who vanted to be business communitients, specially his restaurant in London's West

End. He has meaner things on his He has meaner things on his plate as well. He wants to come in on the blaze of Reama Bull and give a Mersey sound and fure to his his story for the screen. He modelled himself on Jake La Motta with, he says, was different in only one respective somethody damped me on my backside."

backside."

Conten won a Commonwealth Games gold medal in 1970 and as a professional was Bright, European and Commonwealth enaupion before he won the vacant world light-heavyweight ride by beaning Jorge Ahumada, of Argentina wa points in 1974, the achievement seemed to convince other Bright was boxers that the world title was within their reach, not, hom Stracey, Mannae Hope, Alan Minter and Jint Watt followed.

Contch defended his title titles unes: against Longie Bernath. Minner and Jint Watt Policeword.
Contch decended his title three traces: against Londine Bernett. Alvaro Lopes and Lon Harchire. But then because of an injured right hand and a brising encounter with the establishment for better ternis his career momentarily seemed to lose direction and he was supposed of his title when he refused to detend it against Miguel Cuello in Monte Carlo. After that, try as he might, he always remained the challenger. He was unfortunate to lose a close decision to the Yagoslav, Mane Parlov, But he did once more rise to great helghts when he took Motthew Saad Muhammad 13 rounds in Atlantic City with the American's corner having to use an illegal substance to stop the flow of blood from a cout above the champion's left eye.

The return with Saad Muhammad was perhaps the most damaging to Conteh's career and many thought that he should have resired after his four-round defeat. He not only did not use his right hand but went down almost without making a fight of it. Conteh never seemed to have got rid of his deep-scated fear of using the right in case he damaged it. Though once when he did use it against Leonardo Roger, the hig, hard-hitting Colombian did not know what hit him. Conteh remained to the end of his career conscious of his right hand and at press conferences it was invariably nursed by the left.

Conteh's fast contest was back in his home town of Liverpool.

Conten's last contest was back in his home town of Liverpool, where be was given the kind of standing ovation by his fellow citizens that would have politicians of any hue or cry green with envy. But it was not a convincing return against an unknown hover of little skill. Cornet moved up to the cruisers, a ranking that has come out of mothballs though the man now at the head of it is a lively stability than the skill of the ski Sub-neuronal Carlos de Leon, Conteh's challenge for De Leon's sitle, which was to have taken place in Liverpool, never made it to the home port. When the offer from the newspaper came slong it was just the time to do what he thought he should have done four years ago. He slung his hook.

years ago. He slung his hook.
Conteh was born in Liverpool of
a West African father and an
English mother and was one of a
close family of 10. As he told the
Daily Mirror: "I took up boxing
because it was the only way I
could see of escaping from
poverty." It is thought he earned
about £500,000, set much for a
boxer but not bad for a man who
never wanted to be one because

Move along-Clifford is back again

By Srikumar Sen

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What better way for Cambridge
University to put behind them time
kefuffls over a student bening on
a false medical card, which led
Mid-Anglia ABA to fine the club
and suspend the trainer, then wiping the fluor with their eightrivals Oxford University at Kelsey
Kerridge Hall, Cambridge (8.0)
tonight, Chris Neil Jones, the
Cambridge secretary, is confident
that they will clean up the lighter
and beavier weights.

The return of last year's captain.
Courad Clifford, of Curpus Chrisci,
to represent the university for a
fourth year at welter has strengthened the side but it has meant
readjustments in four other
weights from welter down and
they are running around frantically trying to shed weight. This
could make them lean and hungry
touight, But Schwal's heavyweight,
John Beesley, and the light-heavy
Anstralian, Tony Griffin, "who
sets the crowd going "according
to Neil Jones, can carry on eating
hall dinners and consuming beer
by the senneful." hall dinners and consuming beer

Oxford, who have had the benefit of the experience of the former Commonwealth teatherweight champion. Percy Lewis, meanwhile, weighed in on Monday and found everyone present and correct.

Equestrianism'

Snell recovers King George V Cup

Society Show at Newmarket yes-terday. His winner was Saunter, by Charlottsville out of Padella by St Paddy, who was in training in 1974 and 1975, winning the Prix MacDonald at St Cloud.

As runner-no. Mrs Hugh Gin-

MacDonald at St Cloud.

As runner-up, Mrs Hugh Gingell, Master of the Cambridgeshire Harriers, and John Daniell selected another previous champion, Max Abram's classicity conformed Current Magic, by Current Coin out of the Aureole mare, Phosphoresence, who survived its casens in training, winning both on the flat and over hurdles. He won the MacDonald-Buchanan Cup for stallions new to the premium scheme in 1978 for Grabam Lloyd, who had bought stallion also holds count.

The Macdonald-Buchanan Cup went to Mr Sidney Smith, who forms near Towcrester in the Grafton country, for Abyssinia, by So Blessed out of the Pardel mare. Addis Ababa: Mr Smith was narrowly beaten last year for this covered trophy with his home-bred Evening Trial horse, Evening All, who attended by the Queen's dressmaker. Ian Thomas, vesterday won the first district class and yound up fourth in the Super Premium line-up, below Derek

first appearance at Newmarket to win the King's Cup as well, but the rules debar novices from the supreme award and he had to wait his turn until 1979. After four seasons at Hays-on-Wye, he has been sold into Yorkshire, join-lug Mr Abram's influential stud where the Queen's Cleveland Bay stallion also holds court.

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

For the second time in four rears Jimmy Shell, who gave up his bakery near Helston in Cornwall to devote himself to premium stallions, won the King George V Cup at the Hunters' Improvement Society Show as Novembert vec.

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

him for the proverbial song (a geometryshire.

"Tab" Ivens, who won both trophies last year, has sold his first appearance at Newmarket to win the King's Cup as well, but the rules debar novices from the supreme award and he had to write his tree until 1870 After Mr Ivens's young champion, Lord

where in November he beat all the Dutch and German stallions. But Mr Ivens's young champion, Lord of Arabia, was a winner, while Red Man brought off a double for Mr Snell. But Mr Lloyd, who brought four stallions with him, who only one premium—" and that was for my worst horse!"

The new system of having the stallions selected by a panel of five committee members, few of whom have practical experience of stallions, has come under fire and Herefordshire members are talking of forming an offshoot or splinter

Herefordshire members are talking of forming an offshoot or splinter group, as Northumberland and the Buccleauth countrydid years ago, which would be regretable.

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Latest European snow reports

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

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transfer Market

warning Lord Thorneycroft cannot ignore

Lord Thorneycroft is the wise old uncle of the Conservative Party. He played that role to perfection in the run-up to the last election. In the early phase of the present Parliament he was less prominent, largely be-cause the Party was in office but he was not in the Cabinet. In the past few weeks, though, he has come much more sto the picture, with broad fints to the younger ones that it was time they started speaking like politicians again. Forget about dogma, take care of the voters—that has been his message. It was because Mr John Biffen was falling over himself to forget about dogma in his controversial television interview with Mr Brian Wal. interview with Mr Brian Walden that Lord Thorneycroft so much approved of his perform-

In this role he remains a considerable asset to the party. He has the panache and flourish of a bygone era, which enhances the impression of wisdom. His age and special position enable him to offer candid advice, to propose changes in political style, without being suspected of personal ambition. He is one of the few people around the of the few people around the of the tew people around the top in Conservative politics from whom Mrs Thatcher could afford to take uncomfortable advice without fear that her position was being undermined. Such a man must always be valuable, but double so in the

Government's present condition when it is faced with a daunting problem of presentation-whatever the substance of its policies turns out to be.
This is not the only role, however, of the Conservative Party chairman. He is also responsible for running the party; and it must be said quite simply that in this task Lord Thorney-

of things. It is not just that he is not particularly interested in administration himself. He has not sourrounded him-self since the election with people of sufficient weight to perform that function for him.

perform that function for him.

Before the election Lady
Young, as deputy chairman,
acted as a virtual managing
director. But she is now
Minister of State for Education.
To fill the gap at Central Office
Mr Alistair McAlpine became
deputy chairman as well as
treasurer. As treasurer he has
been notable for his skill at
raising money, and as deputy raising money, and as deputy chairman he has been notable for spending even more than he has raised. It is a tendency with which many of us must instinctively sympathize, bur the consequences have been embarras-

In the financial year 1979-80 the Party was spending on the basis of a projected income of £5.3m, but it received £500,000 less than that. In the present financial year it planned to spend £5.3m, but its income is now estimated to be falling

For the coming year it is now accepted that income is not likely to be above £3.8m, which will require even more severe economies than are implied by comparison with the projected income of the year before be-cause substantial interest will now have to be paid on the accumulated loss.

Not surprisingly, gasps of anguish are heard as belts are anguish are heard as beits are tightened. After the last election the Party was run without departmental budgets. Then last summer Lord Thorneycroft aimed to cut spending by £750,000 through a number of savings, including the highly



Lord Thorneycroft: a good deal of stick lies ahead.

controversial decision to eliminate the community affairs department as a separate entity. In December, departmental budgets were reimposed again and it was decided that 10 per cent must be cut from what each department had spent excluding salaries taking an average between the years week further cuts of 10 per cent have been imposed.

It is impossible for economies of this dimension to be pain-less. The effects will be felt by the Party in the country as well as at Central Office. The re-search department, which was brought into the Central Office after the last election by Lord Thorneycroft in another of his controversial moves, seems likely to suffer. So will publicity. One probable saving will be the £200,000 or so spent on political broadcasts. Between now and the election at any these broadcasts are likely to be produced by the Party

Economies on such a scale are bound to increase the tensions, that already exist within the party, Lord Thorneywithin the party. Lord Thorney-croft has never got on particu-larly well with the National Union, the leaders of the voluntary side. They have felt that there has been a lack of consultation and that he has been rather too keen to look at ways in which their opera-tions might be improved—in the organization of the annual conference, for example, conference, for example.

There will be all the more discontent if the party does as badly as is expected in the local elections in May. It is one of the injustices of politics that when the party wins votes the parliamentary leaders get the credit, but when it is in electoral difficulties the party organizers take more than their share of the blame. Lord Thorneycroft can therefore expect a good deal of stick before May is out.

Altogether, it seems most There will be all the more

Altogether, it seems most unlikely that the present team at Central Office will be able to restore confidence within the party. The feeling will have to be conveyed of a new beginning. The great obvious means ning. The most obvious means of doing this is to have a new chairman. But there are difficulties about this. The natural replacement would be Mr Francis Pym, but he became Leader of the House of Commons only two months ago. It would be almost equally undesirable for him to combine that office with the chairman-

Seatchi and Saatchi for party to be another change so soon in political broadcasts. Between the leadership of the House, It is hard to see anyone else, whom Mrs Thatcher might consider appointing, who would both manage the party better than Lord Thorneycroft and be equally effective as a guide and counsellor.

The need for a wise voice will become all the greater with the emergence of the Social Democrats, who present the Conservatives with unaccustomed problems, as Lord Thorneycroft has been one of Thorneycroft has been one of

Thorneycroft has been one of the first to appreciate. But it he is to continue he will need a political figure of some standing as his deputy.

The role of managing director is in effect being filled at the moment by Mr Alan Howarth, who was Lord Thorneycroft's personal assistant, then became head of the research department, and now combines that function with the office of vice-chairman. He is office of vice-chairman. He is an active coordinator, but he does not have the seniority and standing within the party to command the confidence that alone could make unpleasant measures generally acceptable.

Unless Lord Thorneycroft appoints someone of such seniority as his deputy it would not be surprising to see him swept away in the course of the year in a surge of Conservative anguish. Nor would this be an unjust outcome if he cannot or will not find such a deputy. If he falls he will not have been penalized for speaking out. He will not have been punished for his lack of doctrinal conviction. It will simply be that having spent so much time warning the Government to protect its flanks against attack, he will have failed to apply that same advice

West Bankers against the frus-

trations of occupation. Responsible journalists file pathetic stories, factual in themselves but unbalanced because other

It is rarely recorded that the sufferings and disabilities have arisen as a result of wars initiated by their own leaders or that, with the sole exception of Egypt, the Arab world still

of Egypt, the Areb world still maintains a state of war with Israel. The interested world is

which is available to some of the victims is rejected by them

because that would involve communication with Israel

Israel.

relevant facts are ignored.

Now for the L-shaped slump

Economists love to use the letters of the alphabet to describe takes, they are always falls recessions. They can be V. to be tough enough about particles. spending or public ourrow The Prime Minister still t the word "reflation" as an shaped (a quick recovery) Ushaped (things stagger along a little before turning up) or The medium-term finan W-shaped (there is a strategy has been a debi-up to now, with money; piy growing by about 18 cent this year instead of maximum of 11 which the (ernment claimed it we achieve. No matter say the matters, the signs are they strategy has been a deb: false dawn, with another bout of recession before things pick

up finally). The recession we are in now is beginning to look suspiciously like an L-shaped slump. The drop in output is the worst since the war; the drep in manufacturing output is the worst this century, worse even than 1929. Even more depressing, there is no sign, whatever ministerial optimists may say. that any significant recovery is

even

in sight.
Output is now about 6 cent lower than it was at its peak in the spring of 1979. Unemployment has risen by well over a million. It is all very different from

the aspirations the Government had on beginning its policy. They believed that as long as the country knew that rough money policy was going to be pursued, this would on its own pursued, this would on its own get down the inflation rate. Having conquered inflation, they would be able to get sustainable growth, so that we would end up with price stability and rising output. Neither of those things will be achieved under present policies. Ministers keep anxiously searching for signs that we have touched bottom. We have

not done so yet, though we soon will. What the ministers do not say is that having touched bottom we shall pretty

Far from laying the base for faster growth in the future, the drop in output is likely to be followed by near stagnation. With nearly two years gone of the Government's term of office, unemployment is rising office, unemployment is rising inexorably towards three million. The London Business School, whose forecasts are more optimistic than other mainstream forecasters and whose views are quite close to the Government, predict falling living standards each year between now and 1984. The Confederation of British Inbetween now and 1984. The Confederation of British Industry expects unemployment to rise until 1985. Forecasters agree that the Government will enter the election

national output well below the level at which it took office.

All of these forecasts, it should be stressed, contain assumptions which work in the Government's favour. actual outcome could be even

Ministers have shown some realization that things are not going well in the public mind. Words like gradualism and magmatic are being relearned. There are also continuing examples, such as aid to BL, where the Government's actions are very different from what one would expect from its theories. But in spite of all the failures, the evidence suggests that Government ministers, par-ticularly Mrs Thatcher, have not really accepted that the policy is

failing because it is wrong,



giving us. The CBI propos are wrapped up in lots of fi flam about "development" government policies, bet i actually want a straightforw, reflation of £1,500m a year stead of the deflation wh we are currently getting. The Government cleabelieves that its overall polic have certainly not been ; tough, Instead, it says that ! way things have worked means that the balance between the various sectors of t economy has to change. No week's Eudger will shift burden of taxation away frompanies towards individus Doing this is a sensible thi as far as it goes. But it does it term recovery of the econor and it will do terrible things

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the Government's popularity The real burden tax on t economy has gone up uno is Government and the tax individual wage earners v almost certainly go up age over the next year. People ha votes; companies do not. The is no way that the Governme vill be able to give sustaine assistance to companies at the expense of the rest of us an

win the next election. Cuts in interest rates an shifting taxes from companie to individuals may help in th rise in unemployment, but the will not produce sustaine growth in demand and outpu because the sums involved a not large enough. It is not. any case, so much the way the fact that it is too small whi is the problem. Whatever t Chancellor says about this ye seeing a Budget for busine the closures will go on i some time yet. Even the dr in the value of the pound recent weeks, although go-for industry, will have only

limited effect. Would any policy aimed getting more expansion le automatically to more inf tion? Not necessarily. example, cuts in the surchar; or. employers national i surance contributions wou actually reduce costs at prices. So would a reduction the rate of value-added ta Increased intestment in parts of the public sect could also increase outprishout fuelling inflation.

Inflation is not the only this which matters in the econom So do jobs, real living stated and investment in or future. So far the Government has tried to claim that it can d nthing about these things. I can and it should. Next wee would be a good time to star

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William Frankel takes a critical look at the EEC's attitude towards Middle East peace efforts

What President Sadat really told Europe To deflect the attention of the world from the real obstacle to progress—their own unvielding hostility to Israel—the Arabs have tried to persuade their friends and customers that responsibility for the continuation of conflict should be pinned on Israel. The searchlights of the media are directed to the plight of the Palestinians, in camps or in the 22 Arab states, unable to return to their homes in Israel. Receptive ears are turned to the protests of the West Bankers against the frus-

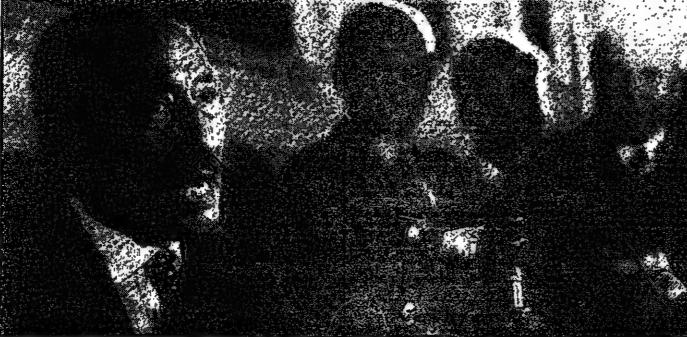
The European Parliament is seldom newsworthy but it did make an impact on the inter-national scene one day last month when President Sadat delivered an address on peace in the Middle East. The Egyptian leader has a flair for cap-turing headlines and this speech was widely reported because of its topicality in the light of the EEC's efforts to involve itself in the Middle East peace

His main points can reduced to three. He made it abundantly clear that he was not abandoning the framework of the Camp David agreements. Secondly, he declared his support for Palestinian self-determination and the creation of an undefined "Palestinian entity" after a transitional period. Thirdly, he saw Europe's role in the peace process as no more than providing "additional security guarantees ".

Nevertheless, the Foreign fice appeared to be thrilled with the speech and its spokesman commented, "We are, of course, delighted by the welcome which President Sadat has given to European efforts for peace in the Middle East." But President Sadat had patently done nothing of the kind. He was courteously requesting his hosts not to interfere and the slant given to this message by the Foreign Office only illus-trates the eagerness of Lord Carrington, the power behind the European initiative, to prodiplomatic campaign.

The recent history of Europe in Middle East affairs is a. craven one of expediency. Ever since President Sadat trans-formed the Arab-Israel conflict with his journey to Jerusalem in 1977, the European comhas shifted uncomfortably from one foot to the other. Five months earlier, its Council of Ministers had de-clared its interest by affirming, for the first time, the "need for a homeland for the Palestinian people", a statement unlikely to have any other practical effect than as a gesture of friendship and support for the rich and powerful Arab

The Sadat mission was awk-



President Sadat: his mission proved awkward for the EEC.

on the other, enthusiastic sup-port was likely to anger the oil ciled to Israel's existence.

France, more anxious than the others to please the Arabs, at first vetoed a statement supporting the Sadat mission though eventually, under American pressure, the Nine did offer ir a guarded and qualified welcome. Then they maintained a 10-month silence (ignoring two appeals from the declaration of support) broken by a statement of welcome for the Camp David accords in September 1978. When the Egypt-Israel peace treaty was signed in March 1979, the EEC reaction was restrained, again at the prompting of France, because the Arab world objected

The arrival of a Conservative Government in Britain and with it Lord Carrington and Sir lan Gilmore at the Foreign Office. coincided with the publication of yet another Middle East ward for the EEC. On the one statement by the Community in foot it was difficult to object to June 1979. It restated the right this giant step towards peace; of the Palestinians to a home-

land and denounced the policies alone has retained the conof Israel but contained not a word of encouragement for the peace process or for Egypt and Israel, the only two Middle East states talking about peace. Finally came the most pre-

cise statement so far of the European initiative at the Venice summit last June. The Europeans now announced their intention to engage in active diplomacy to bring about a Middle East settlement with which the Palestine Liberation Organization, not just the Palestinians, would have to be associated. Neither of these two proposi-

tions, central to the European thesis, has ever received the support of President Sadat, or for that matter, of the United States and Israel. In fact, they all regard them as discuptive of the peace process—but Lord Carrington obsessively presses on His meeting with Mr Hair in Washington did not, according to the reports, persuade the Americans to change their view. That may be because the progress that has so far been

fidence of both parties to the conflict and has used position to encourage and help the compromises and concessions which led to Camp David and peace. Europe's main concern has been to protect its oil supplies. That is a legitimate national interest, as is the search for peace in the area. But in the partisan pursuit of these objectives, the Europeans have disqualified themselves from any role as honest

That job of conciliation can still only be performed by America and, although difficult problems of implementation await resolution, the Camp David agreements remain the best available option. The process has stalled but Camp David is by no means dead or even moribond. The alterna-tive which the European initiative purports to offer is not only unrealizable but a hindrance to the further burgeon-ing of the first and only successful stride towards peace made has owed nothing to in the Middle East for 30 Europe. The United States years.

Europe offers to the Arab rejectionists the bope that a settlement on their terms can be imposed on Israel. The PLO is offered recognition without paying the price of accepting Israel and abandoning terror. Wby should the Arabs face the daunting reappraisals involved in peaceful negotiations and cooperation in working out a system of autonomy for the West Bank if they believe that, by relying on the Europeans and sinking Comp David they can be. assured of an instant Pales-tinian state?

If the Arabs of the West

Bank really want a separate state for themselves (and, given a free choice, that is not certain) the process will have to begin with autonomy. Before achieved statebood in 1943, the Jews in Mandatory Palestine had, over a period of decades, created an institutional structure which afforded them considerable measure of autonomy and made the transition to statehood a natural one. Camp David gives the Arabs the opportunity to follow the same

Above all, critics of Israel show little awareness, let alone appreciation, of the country's safety necessities in a situation where weakness or excessive concessions under pressure could mean annihilation.
This selective indignation shared by the Soviets, Arabs and the New Left distorts a complex and emotive problem and, by diverting attention from the real source of the conflict, frustrates the search for answers. Objectionable Israeli policies are a consequence of Arab enmity, not its cause. Given time in which to draw the lessons of the Egypt-Israel

> tages of moving in the same direction. So far as the EEC is concerned, its members could play an honourable and constructive role were they to encourage the Arabs to sit at the negotiating table and the PLO to lay aside its grenades and guns. Such a policy might not ingratiste them with those who wield the oil weapon but it is more likely to contribute to peace than a policy of appeasement.

MOSCOW DIARY

A show designed for the media

It is all over, and Moscow is breathing a large collective sigh of relief. The 26th Party Congress, over which officials sweated for months drawing up plans and programmes in the minutest detail, has ended after eight interminable days. The delegates have gone home. the flugs are coming down, the slogana are being rewritten and life in the capital is returning to normal. To me and to thousands of

others it all seemed just like the Olympics again, only with show on the ground: police everywhere, patrolling the prements, standing around the main hotels, blocking streets and stopping as many private cars as they could catch to whip off the number plates on the slightest excuse and thus conveniently reduce traffic congestion. There were lastminute efforts to tidy up the city, lock up any remaining Olympic press centre, a rather dissidents and brighten up the smart building equipped with

shops with a bit of glitter and some fresh consumer goods. Black cars with government

number plates roared all round the city carrying important people to important meetings, and then parked in long rows outside the Kremlin while their drivers lay back in their seats, pulled their fur hats down over their faces and snored for the best part of the day. Tickets for the Bolshoi and

for the theatres became almost impossible to obtain, even for ready money and the approprivate letter to the box office, as block bookings were made for the 5,000 delegates in town, not to mention their guides and escorts. Now the Bolshoi troupe can move back to its second home—the plush 6,000-seat glass and stone Palace of Congresses in the heart of the Kremline—built by Frencheter. Kremlin-built by Khrushchev especially for these five-yearly

Like the Olympics, the Congress was really a show for the media. They were all back in town-friends and colleagues from other papers, camera crews, producers and com-mentators. And we all got together again in the special Olympic press centre, a rather

batteries of Telexes and telephones, a good restaurant and, most important, a decent bar with polite, uniformed barmen and unlimited quantities of whisky.

There was also the daily briefing and an extraordinary sense of déjæ vu when Mr Vladimir Popov, the snave and accomplished Olympic spokesman, joined others on the platform at the opening session. He now has a job as deputy head of Soviet television, and so was busy taking care of what the Russians call the "electronic media ".

Newspaper journalists were briefed by Mr Leonid Zamyatin, the former head of Tass and now a close aide of Mr Brezhnev and official government spokesman. He is an influential figure in the Soviet Union, a combative hard-liner with decisive views on the functions of the press and a skilful knuack of giving opaque answers to questions that go beyond the framework of what the Russians term "constructive journalism." He was not a littled miffed that an hour-long interview be granted to the American ABC television com-pany was cut back to three

minutes: the same would never in fact you could not wander happen here. in at all, as the whole of the

But in general the press coverage seems to have satisfied the Russians. They certainly kept the most detailed statistics, and it was much easier to find journalists than anything about what the Congress delegates actually said. Altogether, Mr Zamyatin announced on the final day, 1,005 journalists from 60 countries were in Moscow to cover the event, including 230 from radio and

There were 10 press conferences, 21 meetings with Soviet and foreign delegates, and 200 interviews arranged with poli-tical figures, scientists and cos-monauts. Soviet television broadcast 100 hours of material on the Congress, picked up in part in 87 countries and viewed, Mr Zamvatin boasted by Mr Zamyatin boasted by 2,000m people. Mr Brezhnev's report was printed in 64 lan-guages in a total edition of four

million copies.

But though a media event, it was very different from American party conventions or British party conferences. You could not just wander in and button-bole a delegate or two as

Krendin was cordoned off and out of bounds to anyone nor wearing the official Congress layel badge. And even when the odd delegate made his way. down to the press centre, you had to be escorted up to see him in special conference rooms on the upper floors.

McLeonan, the secretary of the British Communist Party. A courteous, quiet-spoken Scot, he was rather well received in Moscow-be was the only so-called Eurocommunist to address the Congress and managed to mention disagreement on the dread subject of Afghanistan. He also gave a long interview on also gave a long interview on the main evening news bulletin. He was rather distressed that Anglo-Soviet relations are so bad — "stagnating", in Mr Brezhnev's phrase — and thought Britain should at least send out a few officials here

year showed a sharp fall in trade rurnover, and Mr McLennau said British exports to the wast Soviet market would do a lot to help our dire economic No one let him into any . And in a particularly purple

he was mingling with fellow delegates, at least not any that he was ready to reveal. "No, no, they don't talk to me about that sort of ching" he distributed sort of talk to me about that sort of thing, he disclaimed modestly. He was resolutely optimistic that things would work out all right in Poland. And of course he was delighted with developments back home in the Labour Party. One man who did come and talk to us was Mr Gordon

Mr McLenuan had appropriate words of praise for "Comrade Brezhnev"—appropriate, that is, by British standards, though given the galloping inflation in this commodity they fell well short of the standard achieved by others

secrets of Soviet policy while

Mr Geidar Aliev, party secre-tary of Azerbaijan, contrived to mention Brezhney 13 rimes in to mention Brezhnev 13 times in his speech. Among his honeyed phrases, he called the Soviet President a "worthy leader", a "true follower of the deeds of Lenin", a man whose great attractive force "inspires and mobilizes" Communists and workers. He said all people of 2000 will throughout the world good will throughout the world were saying: "Hearty thanks to you, dear Leonid Ilych, for peace and for your priceless achievement." achievement."

passage he declared: "By his passage ne declarer: by ms mighty deeds for the wellbeing of the Sovier people, in the name of the creative Communist ideals, Leonid Ilych has won the love of all the nation and the highest authority in our country, universal recognition as a staunch leader of the Communist Party and Soviet state, a tireless champion of peace on the planet."

Similar sentiments peppered the speeches of almost every delegate for the next two days, who all commended the "excep-tionally profound theoretical and political analysis" in Mr Brezhnev's speech, and whose praise for his accomplishments was invariably interrupted by "prolonged, stormy applause" as the official scribes recorded. Then suddenly it all stopped.

It appears that the torrent was deemed a little too effusive, even for this exalted occasion, and the word went down to cut For many of the delegates,

whose careers are now assured after representing their distant provinces at the Congress, this was the first time they had even been to Moscow. And they were well looked after with tours and excursions, visits of fectories and forms will. to factories and famous build-

ings. Foreign delegations were taken to see the Olympi village—now a plum residen tial area—art galleries, stur farms, fur breeding stations physics institutes and the place where they still decorate lac quered wooden boxes with miniature paintings. They were suitably appreciative. Tass meanwhile has been

scurrying around the world gleaning words of praise for the Congress from the bourgeois press, rather as theatres pick out individual words from censorious reviews to use in

censorious reviews to use in their advertising.

And as the flow of documents begins to pour from the Soviet printing presses. Party officials up and down the country are poring over their new instructions. They have been set some herculean tasks. But it will be another five years before they have to go back and give an account of themselves. And meanwhile, a much selves. And meanwhile, a much more urgent priority is coming up. On Sunday it will be Inter-national Women's Day, a big Soviet holiday: time now to go some flowers and lay in a good stock of vodka.

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CHANCE FOR PEACE IN THE GULF

The Islamic nations have been trying to mediate between fran and Iraq for the past six months, under the leadership of Mr Habib Chatti, General Secretary of the Islamic Conference. Their latest proposals include a ceasefire to begin next Thursday, followed by a withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Iranian territory a week later. This withdrawal would, under the Islamic plan, take a month to complete. and would be supervised by military observers drawn from member states of the Islamic Conference. The ICO would then establish a committee to adindicate on matters of territorial dispute between the belligerents, first among these being the question of the Shatt al-Arab waterway, the immediate casus helli.

Will these suggestions prove even partially acceptable to both sides? There are some hopeful signs. Iran has always maintained that since Iraq is the aggressor, Iraqi troops must withdraw before negotiations can begin. The Islamic proposet meets this point, and indeed echoes ideas put forward recently in Tebran both by President Bani Sadr and by the acting head of the joint Chiefs of Staff,

A toothless watchdog, if ignored,

has no recourse but to bark again more loudly. If the indi-

vidual who provoked the out-

burst takes no notice, at least

others may. The Press Council

has no sanction to bring against

those it censures but public disapproval, and it can only enlist

that to the extent that its own

adjudications command respect.

On the whole they have com-manded respect, and the influ-

ence of its rulings upon general

ideas of good and bad practice

in the press over the past twenty-

eight years has been consider-

able. Papers that fall under its

censure often dispute the justice

of its findings in their particular

case, but they generally acknow-

ledge that the charge deserves

an answer, and seek to turn it

aside by appeals to values that

the Press Council itself : has

necessary to bark for a second

time over two complaints against

the New Statesman. The maga-zine gave the council only

minimal cooperation in its

Today the council finds it

proclaimed.

General Valiollats Fallahi, Mr Islamic proposal offers Tehran Buni Sadr said yesterday that the withdrawal and ceasefure must be simultaneous, rather than sequential, but this need not be an insuperable difficulty.

Iraq may also he in a mond to come to terms. The six months of war have proved a drawn out affair, with bursts of bitter fighting alternating with a debilitating war of attrition along an extensive front line. Iraq has made only limited territorial gains, and has had to fight hard to hold on to them. Provided Iran is prepared to acknowledge what he calls "Iraq's rights". President Saddam Husain is apparently ready to talk peace, and could in theory withdraw with Iraqi honour reasonably intact. President Husain cun, after all, claim to have dealt a blow against Iran on behalf of the Arab world, and to have dented what many Arabs see as the Ayatollah Khomeini's arragant desire to spread his gospel of fundamentalist revolution throughout the Middle East.

The main obstacle to a peaceful solution of the conflict is the continuing opposition of hardline fundamentalists in Tehran, who retein a powerful bold over Iran's diffuse and often mysterious decision-making processes. The

the magazine Now! also refused

to reply to the council over a

complaint that its editor thought

should have been pursued, if at all, through the courts (an option

that the complainant had dis-

claimed). The council rightly

decided in both instances that.

these failures to cooperate should

not be allowed to prevent an

inquiry and, having been able to

satisfy itself that there was sub-

stance in the complaints, it cen-

The New Statesman's refusal to

publish the adjudication was as

serious an error as its refusal

to cooperate with the original

investigation. The allegations

that had been made, against members of the Civil Service

Union in one case and a Czech

journalist in the other, were grave enough to create a strong

case for a right of reply however

confident the magazine was that

they were true. The process of

uncovering truth often involves

sured the magazines.

some time before another arises.

the chanco of a moral victory, if

not a military one. The sensible course would therefore be for

Iran to enable President Saddam

Husain to withdraw his troops

gracefully, by offering him the assurances he seeks concerning

Iranian respect for Iraq's terri-

torial integrity and the impermis-

sibility of force as a means of

It is perhaps unfortunate that

the Islamic nation should have

given the two sides barely a week

in which to consider their for-

mula. Equally, the time limit

imposed may have the effect of

concentrating the minds of lea-ders on both sides. Timing is indeed all important, since the

war niay well be about to emerge

from its present lull. The arrival

of spring and the end of the

rainy season will soon bring with

them conditions more suitable

for fighting, and the tanks which

have been bogged down in the

winter muds will start to move

again. A renewed trial of strength

would be to the advantage of

Iraq, which has been building up

its military supplies from a var-iety of sources. If this chance

for peace is missed it could be

resolving disagreements.

The judgment whether to print is flouting not the Press Council which a free press must be coninvestigations and failed to print the printing of errors in good ducted.

DENIAL OF THE RIGHT TO REPLY its findings that the complainants faith, and a responsible fournal had been unfairly denied the opportunity to reply. Last August should always give complainants the benefit of the doubt.

or not stands within the range of editorial discretion. The editor is reported to have said that he could not submit his magazine to the council's jurisdiction. Such terms misrepresent the situation. The council is not a court, nor a body pos-sessing disciplinary sanctions though its existence helps to disarm illiberal voices from both right and left which would favour such restraints upon the press. However unsatisfactory it may appear, no alternative system has been proposed that could command equally wide respect. No official tyranny compels editors to come before it, only the desire that it should be publicly seen that rivals in controversy have been given a fair hearing. In refusing to acknowledge its role, the New Statesman but the essential principles on

ON THEIR HEADS BE IT

Decay of the institution of façades when the Houses of ment with the aid of binoculars, Parliament is such a favourite Parliament were rebuilt after the committee recommended theme of national self-reproach that it came as no surprise to learn that the fabric of the building which houses it is crumbling. According to a Commons select committee reporting last year chunks of masonry may fall on the heads of the occupants as they go in and out. To avert that fitting calamity a parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Environent, Mr Geoffrey Finsberg, ear-marked £10,000 for the justant removal of potentially dangerous coping stones and string courses" and a further £105,000 for making sound the stonework above doorways. Seemingly it was not enough. Another rockfall near the members' entrance this week brought Mr Finsberg to the Dispatch Box again to report progress on his patching

Much of the Anston stone, a magnesian limestone from Yorkshire which was used for the

Social Democrat policies

Sir, As a long standing Liberal who has long felt himself to be a Social Democrat, I found much to welcome

in your leader of February 28. Its

conclusion, however, seemed strangely inadequate in terms of

the reality of the electoral chal-

lenge facing a Liberal-Social Demo-

crat alliance. Of course electoral reform and a diminution of adver-

sary politics are fundamental requirements for recovery of the

country's political health, but by no

stretch of imagination can they be

regarded as the main planks on

which an alternative government

It is perhaps especially important

for Liberals to recognize that the best opportunity within our life time to break the sterile monopoly

of political power as exercised in the Conservative-Labour confronta-

tion lies in the electoral prospects

Labour heartlands. It is precisely

there that the more esoteric policies rightly shared by the Liberals and

Social Democrats will count for

little against the necessarily over-

whelming priorities of employment and the cost of living. How forunate then that the Liberals

and Social Democrats share a firm commitment to the establishment

which is the prerequisite of any

effective programme for increasing employment without higher infla-tion and wider differentials in

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living standards.

a workable incomes, policy,

the Social Democrats in the

would be elected

From Mr Richard Rowntree

the fire of 1834, was tlawed by minute fissures formed during geological time. Their crystalline filling is dissolved rapidly by atmospheric pollutants. Fractures then appear. Repairs have had to be done more or less continuously, with an extensive re-facing in the late 1920s using more durable Clipsham stone. Even this is now suffering from contact with the magnesian limestone. The decay, partly due to flawed material and partly to dirt and chemicals deposited

from the air, proceeds apace. It was the view of the select committee that what is needed is a conservation and cleaning job all over at an estimated cost of £5m—more, even correcting for inflation, than when the Commons was first notified of the problem eight years ago. Since the extent of the decay had not been fully established, less accessible parts of the building having been examined only from the pave-

IIIVestieanon carried out. There is not the slightest chance of prising £5m from the Treasury without one. The Government, careless of the risk of accidental by-elections, is still revolving its reply.

Ministers ought to brace themselves to meet that cost within the lifetime of this Parliament. Barry's and Pugin's great classical pile in gothic dress is more than a fine building and one of the glories of nineteenth-century English architecture. It is the seat, of the central political process of the nation and has become the most familiar visual symbol of it. If the present occupants cannot look after the fabric of their own premises properly, how are they to be entrusted with the fabric of the state? The Dean and Chapter across the street do better with their charge, and without the public revenues at their com-

Prime Minister's exhortations as Prime Minister's exhortations as distinct from her policies, people are looking for fairness as the condition for effort and sacrifice. In looking to bring together trade unionists, employers and management to help resolve the many problems inherent in an incomes policy, the new alliance must avoid the pitfall of laying the blame for memployment just on blame for unemployment just on Conservative and Labour policies or even the explosive oil price increases leading to world recession. For while all these have undoubtedly contributed to the problem, we are in truth a guilty generation that for far too long has refused to face the certain knowledge that our technological

new attitudes and structures to meet the social challenge they What quickens the political pulse with greater hope than for many a long day is the belief that the real courage shown by the Social Demo-crat leaders, most of whom are placing at risk highly promising political careers as well as making deeply rainful breaks in personal and party relationships, will serve as an effective catalyst for the reshaping of our body politic as first advocated by Mr Grimond and more recently so effectively advanced by Mr Steel.
Yours faithfully,
RICHARD

advances would inevitably require

RICHARD S. ROWNTREE, Kingthorpe, Pickering. North Yorkshire.

The shared flight of the Conser-From Dr W. Graham-Brown varive and Labour parties from the formulation of a workable incomes Sir, In his letter concerning the prospects for the Social Democrats, Mr David Winnick (March 4) uses the familiar Catch 22 paradox to policy represents the worst symptom of the postwar "British isease "-because an objective is remove decision-taking from Parliafound to be difficult it is aban-doned. An incomes policy can and should be a popular electoral commitment now that the gravity ment and to place it with party organizations. He recommends that an MP who finds that he can no longer sustain his party's viewpoint should, in all decency, resign from Parliament and submit himself to a of the present crisis is generally recognized. With this growing national mood of realism, which in

And yet, in the same letter, Mr Minnick makes it clear that, in such a by-election and without party backing, the unfortunate MP is likely to receive "a derisory vote" and not be elected! Thus, in practice, an MP who dissents from his party-line could make no effective Parliamentary protest: he must "stay and put up" or "get out".

Of course, this paradox is unacceptable. It provides yet another example, if such were needed, of the manner whereby anti-democratic forces work in our society. An MP is not mandated to follow a parry line but is a delegate and as such must be capable of independent thought and action. Accordingly, on occasion he may go against the expressed views of his electorate.

It is only through a clear understanding of this basic principle and through appropriate action by courageous delegates that we can hope to end our party dogma dominated adversary system of govern-ment, and to create instead a governing body where reason can pre-

Yours faithfully, WILL GRAHAM-BROWN, Morghew Park House, Tenterden, Kent.

From Mr Geoff Holgate Sir, Candidates in general elections receive votes on a party political basis not, at any rate to any appreciable extent, for their personal

qualities.
Would it not be an act of political principle more in accordance with the expressed philosophy of those members of the Council for Sociel Democracy who have now left the Labour Party if they resigned their seats and thus gave the electorate an opportunity to express their oninions on their actions through the ballot paper in the subsequent hy elections? Yours sincerely, GEOFF HOLGATE, 2 Green Clyfe Drive, Clifton, York.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What distinguishes the new think-

ing in European peace movements is this. First, we are pressing our

own governments to move out from

under the superpower deadlock and engage in direct initiatives

(initial measures of disarmament)

and negotiations. The position now

is absurd. Even for negotiations to

start on European "theatre" weapons (a marier which could scarcely concern Europeans more)

we must wait upon the whims of the US administration—an admini-

stration which, after seven years of negotiation, has torn Salt II up. And, even then, there will be no

European seat at the table. If we wish to get anything done, then our statesmen must go to Warsaw, Budapest and Moscow, not to

Washington.

Second, we see the only possible hope of avoiding a terminal nuclear collision in a strategy which begins to break down the hard edges of both blocks, and which begins to mand the tissue of Fastors and

mend the tissues of Eastern and

Western Europe once more. We

wish to bring the peace movements of the West and the movements making for democracy and civil rights in the East into a common

alliance—or, at least, a mutual understanding. In our view, the old Stalinist rearguard today is being propped up by Western missiles; it is the menace of "the West"

which strengthens militarism in the

which strengthens militarism in the East, which legizimates the old authorities, and which prevents difficult social transitions from being made—or which, as in Poland today, limits the space for such transitions. Hence the END appeal insisted, from the first, that more open communication and exchange between persons and movements in East and West is a necessary condi-

East and West is a necessary condi-

tion of our work.
No one supposes that any of this

No one supposes that any of this could be easy. Nor that it could be without risk. It is a barely possible strategy and there will be risk all the way. But those who have taken a steady view of the risks inherent in our present predicament—and who have weighed the sombre arguments of Sir Martin Ryle's re-

cent booklet—consider that it is the only risk which still carries human hope: and that it is worth throwing all that is affirmative in Euro-

pean culture into that effort. The

effort is not one of "unilateralism"

in the sense that you suppose-one

nation opting out, It is one of multilateral unilateralism? - a

rolling campaign of reciprocal initiatives by one nation and then

another, accompanied by popular

movements, personal exchanges, and direct diplomacy. And I think that END and CND (which has been actively associated with

us from our initial appeal) share

European Nuclear Disarmament, 6 Endsleigh Street, WC1.

this common perspective.

F. P. THOMPSON,

Yours, etc.

New thinking in peace movement

From Mr E. P. Thompson

Sir. Your reasoned argument, " No safety in instability" (leader, March 3), allows, for the first time, that there is merit in the undaterr leader, alist case. But it can be faulted on two grounds.

First, while stressing the dangers of Soviet military pressures, you grossly understate the dangers in current United States strategies: as, for example, the contingency plans for "theatre" nuclear warfare in Europe, and the theories of "pre-emptive deterrence" in pur-suit of sources of oil and scarce "strategic " minerals. Mrs Thatcher appeared to be signalling in Washington last week that Britain is a totally uncritical and inert client, no matter what hare-brained strategies Mr Reagan's advisers

Second, your argument misre-presents the position of the Euro-pean Nuclear Disarmament movement, which is now influential in many parts of the continent. This position cannot be reduced to the simplicities of a unilateralist versus multilateralist debate. The objective is a nuclear-weapons-free Europe. and the means include the pressure of political movements—and alli-ances of both persons and parties— pressing continually to effect lateral communication across the East-West divide, and to elicit equivalent responses among the Warsaw

This is a rolling campaign, which can only be executed piecemeal and over time. No one supposes some instant success (on Thursday, February 3, 1982) when, by some miracle, all Nam powers (except the United States) will have distance and all Marcon powers. armed, and all Warsaw powers will of the contrary. Reciprocity is of the essence of the movement, and, without it, we can be sure that the movement will fail. For example: if European Naro states, under popular pressure, should reject cruise missiles and Pershing IIs—and if the Soviet Union did not, instantly, halt and then reduce its deployment of S-20s, we can be that Western unitarealier sure that Western unilateralist movements would at once lose their

popular support, Another example: a nuclear-weapons-free space might be created Europe, not instantly, but by adding one smaller zone to another.
Already proposals for a Nordic zone
(as under Article 33 of the Final
Document of UN Special Session on Disarmament) are being actively canvassed. It is possible that such a zone might also eliminate "theatre" missiles from the Soviet Kola peninsula. Similar proposals are being canvassed in Greece and Yugoslavia. From this point it is possible to envisage some revived variant of the Rapacki Plan, by which Poland and both Germanys might be, step by step, demilitarized.

The UN and Swapo

(Resolution 435, 1978). Given the current media fascination with South Africa's ridiculous claims against the United Nations, we wish

to put the question of "partiality

into perspective.

To begin with, in terms of Security Council Resolution 435 (1978).
South Africa would in fact run the elections, with the United Nations

elections, with the United Nations taking on a role of monitoring and controlling them. The "control" exercised would amount to the United Nations Secretary General's Special Representative having to satisfy himself that South Africa's

running of the elections is in fact

fair. What serious newspapers really ought to turn their attention to is South Africa's own very evident partiality and, therefore, whether the regime can be trusted to run

a free and fair election in Namibia. Little attention has been drawn to the fact that South Africa pours vast sums of money into the coffers of her client party, to the six figure sums that are spent on the running of each of this party's PR offices From the South West Africa People's Organisation Chief Representative for Western Europe Sir, Swapo of Namibia believes that your news story "UN ban strengthens Pretoria bias claim" (March 4) in London, Paris. Bonn and Washof the United Nations' argument with South Africa over the implementation of the United Nations plan for elections in Namibia coverage and promotion trips shroad for its members is enormous. The backing Swapo gets from the United Nations (which would cease with an election campaign) looks like petty cash beside Pretoria's expenditure on its political campaign in Namibis and the funds

> Africa's client party during any elections there. Finally, it ought not to be forgotten that South Africa is clearly in illegal occupation of Namibia. Who is the South African government to call into question the ability of the United Nations, as Namibia's legitimate authority, to fairly monitor and control an election?

> and a printing machine. To circumscribe his rights is to diminish the

Alternatively, to discriminate between what the journalist and the citizen may each lawfully do and say is not only intolerable but

presents fateresting problems of

Further, many complaints to the Press Council concern matters of

taste (our perceptions of which change constantly); should a journalist forfeit rights enjoyed by

his fellow citizens merely for offending good taste?

definition.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID FLYNN.

The Star.

Sheffield.

York Street,

that will be forthcoming for South

SHAPUA KAUKUNGHA. South West Africa People's Organisation, 183 North Gower Street, NW1. March 4. :

Press curb proposal

From the Editor of The Star Sir, The advocacy by Sir David Napley, former President of the Law Society (The Times, March 2) of a system under which journalists who "misbehaved" could be suspended from their job should not go unchallenged (as indeed it did not by those, including myself, who shared his platform before an audience of journalists and lawers) lawyers).

Any such system, of licensing the right to lawful inquiry and lawful free expression, would be illfounded and dangerous.

The journalist neither has nor claims any rights beyond the citizen's. He is a citizen with a pen

From the President of the Museums

Sir, The Museums Association would

add its protest to those already expressed (letters February 17, 26

and March 3) at HM Government's

decision to withdraw from the International Centre for the Study and Restoration of Cultural Pro-

perty (ICCROM). British participa-

ion in the work of the centre has

been of great importance and has

added significantly to our prestige

in the field of the restoration of cul-

tural property.

The cancellation of our contribu-

tion to the centre will in the long

Heritage in danger

Association

term be more damaging in interna-tional terms than the minor economy

in government expenditure warrants. At a time when British museums are promoting exchanges and technical assistance to museums overseas it is incongruous that Government actions at international level

appear to be in conflict. We hope it is not too late for the Government to consult its rep-resentatives in this field and reconsider its decision. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY LEWIS,

The Museums Association. 31 Bloomsbury Way, WC1. March 3.

Airliner fire hazards From Professor Gerald Hendrie

Sir, Two matters of concern are raised in connection with alcohol, fire, and airline disasters (Mrs Hall's letter, February 26).

It is surely absurd in a resource and energy conscious world to whisky to the far side of the world in order to fly them back again duty-free with the attendant fire risk , which, it seems, is causing legitimate concern to pilots. If the duty-free anomaly is to continue, surely vouchers could

substituted for the goods themselves ?

And while on the subject of fire risk, I have found few more alarming sights than, at dead of night on some long oceanic journey, the sight of a hundred of two cigarene tips glowing through the smoky haze of a dimly-lit cabin. Many such passengers must be on the verge of falling asleep. Why there are not more cabin fires on board jetliners is a source of surprise to me. Yours sincerely. GERALD HENDRIE, 19 Madingley Road,

Cambridge.

Civil servants' sense of grievance

From Mrs J. Taylor

Sir, It is significant that the letters you print today (March 3) con-demaing the backing by the First Division Association of the Civil Service unions' campaign regarding

pay are from retired members. Conditions in the Civil Service are not what they were—there is greater pressure of work, greater frustracion, inevitable comparisons with far more generous payments to civil servants in other countries. Memters of the FDA no longer have the high standard of living they once had and the much-vaunted benefit of index-linked pensions is allowed for in calculation of salaries and will not exist once inflation is controlled.

We still have the finest Civil Service in the world bar none and the one thing we cannot afford in these increasingly complex times is a lowering of standards. Yet Mrs Thatcher has introduced none of the promised bright young indus-trialists into the higher echelons of the Civil Service—the bright ones

The FDA knows that, if quality is to be maintained, "there is a limit at which forberrance ceases to be a virtue". Mrs Thatcher should be reminded that Edmund Burke also said: "Magnanimity in politics is not seldom the truest wisdom: and a great empire and little minds go ill together". Yours faithfully, 1. TAYLOR. 7 Birdhurst Gardens.

South Croydon,

From Mr D. Bailey Sir, I am increasingly amazed by your letters column on the present pay campaign. The letter from Mr Hetherington (March 3) is surely the ultimate in self indulgence. Mr Hetherington writes of the "appalling disgrace" and of mutiny" in the Civil Service as a more accurate description than "industrial action". He no doubt privately believes that those who

strike should therefore be shot! The general tone of letters from retired civil servants is one of retired civil servants is one of longing for the days past of unflagging loyalty and service. I suggest ging loyalty and service. I suggest with respect that in reality the loyalty which they knew was paid for. In the 1920s and 1930s and into the post war period civil servants were paid at a rate above the national average wage. The lower ranks were then in the orivileged position of holding a "E5 per week joh". We now have a situation in which two thirds of civil servants earn less than the average wage, and both the present covernment and its both the present government and its predecessor have accelerated the decline. It is conveniently pointed out that civil servanta have had substantial pay increases in the past two years. What is not explained is why this is so, It means that an exercise based upon fair compari-sons, which incidentally means that our pay is increased by reference to private sector have already enjoyed for 12 months (note, not the best). bas clearly demonstrated that var-

ious government incomes policies. social contracts, etc, have only applied to the public sector. If that were not the case the fair compari-sons exercise would have shown no

sons exercise would have shown no increase due.

None of your correspondents has suggested a better way of settling Civil Service pay than by comparability. I might say that many of us in the Civil Service unions believe that the system is inadequate since it clearly benefits and has benefited the higher grades, hence the present the higher grades, bence the present claim for 15 per cent with a £10 per week minimum underpinning.
If it is seriously being suggested that civil servants should be expec-ted, in that capacity, and out of loyalty and dedication to accept annually the amount the govern-ment of the day deems fit to pay, then we really do live in different

worlds.

It is our responsibility as Civil Service trade unionists to defend our members against unfair treatment and the arbitary breaking of agreements, Such treatment does not earn loyalty, and it ill becomes retired members of the First Division Association in whose era the popular image of the relatively overpaid, bowler hatted and pin strived civil servant was substantially correct, to expect the modern civil servant to be anything but outraged at the treatment we are receiving. It is quite clear to us all that if this government or any other can tear up our pay agreement and get away with it, then no other agreement is worth the paper it is

written on. That is why we are striking. Yours faithfully, D. BAILEY, 19 Cecil Road,

Leicester. March 4.

From Mr J. C. P. Riddy Sir, I wonder if I am alone in noting

with rapidly increasing surprise and indignation the flood of special pleading entered in your columns by civil servants and their agents on the theme of their 15 per cent pay claim and the machinery by which their pay is increased year by year? year? I would find this articulate public

relations exercise a little more palatable if a token comment had escaped these well-educated lips to acknowledge the fact that circumstances have changed very much for the worse since the systems they wish to preserve were invented; and that in the eyes of this humble mortal-and many others to whom I speak—it is as much civil servants as politicians who must carry the responsibility for the decayed situa-tion in which our economy and our society find themselves.

Until the economy is in better shape civil servants do not deserve a rise of this greedy dimension, especially when set against the general weatherproofing protecting civil servants' conditions of service and pensions. Yours faithfully,

I. C. P. RIDDY, Fortingall.

Reporting black unrest From the Vicar of Lewishem

Sir, The article by Lucy Hodges on the march from Deptford to Central London (March 4) was refreshing in comparison with the coverage of other papers for its balanced and fair presentation.

The impression given by the sen-sationalist press is that black young people are anarchic and violent. The violence that occurred last Monday is to be deplored, whoever provoked it, and can do nothing to help better community relations, The open youth centre attached to this parish, which has a membership of around 250 the majority of whom are black and about 60 per cent of whom are unemployed, ran a special disco to help the families who were bereaved and it raised £163 the week after the fire.

This gesture, small compared with the enormity of the foss suffered by the families concerned, shows another aspect of the life of the young black people of Lewisham. This good news is worthy of publicity. Yours faithfully.

DAVID GARLICK, Lewisham Vicarage, 48 Lewisham Park, SE13.

Debt to Faroes fishermen From Mr Sten Balle

Sir. Mr Michael Hornsby's report February 17 on Britain's firm refusal to approve a new fisheries agreement between the EEC and the Faroe Islands wistfully led back my memory to the following lines by Mr George Orwell, contained in a book review in *The Observer*, February 29, 1948: The Farnes were our most reliable source of fish throughout the war, and at one time were responsible for three-quarters of the British supply. All through the dark days of 1940 and 1941 the tiny Faroes boats plied to and fro, their sole armament one Bron cun each. They were bombed, machine-gunned, blown up by mines and even torpedoed."

Things have been very much on the move, since these lines were set down in a spirit of sympathy. The firm artitude, which Britain has now found it necessary to take, is blocking the admission of Faroese fishing vessels to the Greenland waters and

the North Sea.

The vulnerable Island community in the North Atlantic is brought to face nothing less than a catastrophe, utterly dependent as it is on fish-erles, including those in distant waters, as the minimum need of the islands cannot be covered by the resources of the home waters alone. Yours truly, STEN BALLE. Dr. Dahlszöra 11.

3800 Torshavn, The Farne Islands. February 21.

Drawback of CAP From Mr John Beath

Sir, Mr Richard Butler (The Times, March 3) suggests criticism of the CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) is a dangerous pastime. His arguments in its defence, however, themselves involve misunderstan-

the particular method that the EEC uses to support farm incomes involves losses to consumers through high prices and reduced consumption that may only be par-tially offset by gains to farmers and substantial budgetary costs in the form of intervention purchases and export restitution. Such policies benefit those countries which are self-sufficient in agricultural products. For the UK this is not the case and so we, along with Germany and Italy, are substantial losers under the policy.

The impression is given that employment in agriculture-related industries is heavily dependent on a large agricultural sector. This is false. There are two such classes of industry: those that serve the needs of agriculture, and those that process agricultural products. The former, which account for 0.6 per cent of total UK employment (agriculture and horticulture account for 15 per cent), depend upon a pros-perous rather than a numerically large agricultural industry. Employment in the latter depends only upon the consumption demands of the general public and it will process agricultural raw materials irrespec-

tive of their origin.

Relatively high world prices allow the EEC to dispose of accumulated surpluses from earlier years.

This may be true currently but agricultural prices do fluctuate and it is as well to remember that on the whole they have lain well below EEC prices so that excessive (to current demand) supplies have been produced in the community.

Lastly, no one would deay that the poor should be helped and that some agriculturalists may fall into policy belo only the unfortunate-or are all farmers unfortunate? What critics of the CAP would argue is that, of all the possible policies one could think of to provide income maintenance, it would be just about the most inefficient of all. Yours faithfully, IOHN BEATH,

Department of Economics, University of Bristol,

Alfred Marshall Building, 40 Berkeley Square, Bristol. March 3.

Conundra

From Mr C. H. Jaques

Sir, The letter from Mr Wilson Longden (March 4) reminds me that the late Sir John Masterman once reported that a would-be entrant for Worcester College had, in an essay, described a certain book as "... one of the essential rade meca for anyone studying this subject." Yours faithfully,

C. H. JAQUES, Lullington Close, Seaford, East Sussex. March 4.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 5: Sir John Taylor was received in audience by The Queen this morning and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plempotentiary at Bonn.

Lady Taylor had the honour of being received by The Queen. being received by The Queen.

His Excellency Monsieur
Cyprien Mbonimpa was received
in audience by Her Majesty and
presented the Letters of Recall of
his predecessor and his own
Letters of Credence as Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plempotentiary
from the Republic of Burundi to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to The Queen: Monsleur Vincent Ndikumasabo (Second Secretary).

Madame Mbonimpa had the beneur of being presented to U.S.

honour of being received by Her

Majesty.

Mr Derek Day (Deputy UnderSecretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs) who had
the honour of being received by
The Queen, was present and the
Gentlemen of the Household in
Water ware in attendance.

Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance,
Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander-in-Chief Royal Air Force Germany.

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Clifton had the honour of being received by The Queen and delivered up his Stick of Office upon relinquishing his appointment as Standard Bearer, Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentle-

Major Derek Allhusen had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as Standard Bearer, Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and procedure from The Occasional Accession received from The Queen his Stick of Office.

Stick of Office.

Her Majesty this evening attended a Reception given by the Chief Constables' Club (President, Sir Peter Matthews) at Guildhall where the Queen was received upon arrival by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Colonel Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe).

The Lordy System Musters Marketing Agents (Present Muster)

The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robert Fellowes and Lleutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Bath and West and Southern Counties Society, today presided at the Society's Council Meeting at the Society's Showground, Shepton Malict, where His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset (Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. F. Luttrell'). The Duke of Edinburgh crawl. The Duke of Edinburgh travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

His Royal Highness, as an Hon-orary Fellow of the Medical Soci-ety of London, this evening attended the Annual Dinner in the Great Hall at St Bartholo-mew's Hospital and was received by the President of the Society (Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt).

Lord Rupert Nevill was in The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, continued his visit to Duchy property in Devon and Somerset today.

His Royal Highness, attended by Major John Winter, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Queen was represented by Major Bruce Shand (Vice Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex) at the Funeral of Lieutenant-General Sir William Oliver (formerly High Commissioner in Canberra) which was held at All Saint's Church, Crowborough, East Sussex this morning.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 5: The Duke of Gloucester this morning presided at a Seminar of the British Consultants Bureau which was addressed by The Rt Hon Edward Heath, at the Insti-tution of Civil Engineers. London. Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr William Davis, 43: Sir Archi-bald Forbes, 78: Sir Robert Fowler, 67: Professor Sir Charles Frank, 70: Mr Frankle Howerd, 59: Mr Loria Maazel, 51; Lord Roberthall, 80; Sir lan Dixon Scott, 72; the Right Rev David Sheppard, 52; the Hon Samuel Silkin, QC. MP. 63; Sir Peter Stallard, 66; Sir Oliver Wright, 60

£10.000 bond winners

The winning numbers in the March Premium Savings Bond draw for prizes of £10,000 are; 9AP 462966 (winner lives in Cheshire), 16Z 105400 (Nottingham), 11PS 839002 (Walverhampton), 12YT 350607 (Nottingham), 17ZT 130210 (overseas).

ANDRE PREVIN

André Presin. Conductor Emeri-lus et the London Symphony Orchestra, writes, 'Some et the paople who have given you so many hours of pleasure through-out the years as non-sadium



Captain the Hon R. E. H. Law and the Hon Grania Boardman The engagement is announced between Captain the Hon Rupert between Captain me Hon Rupert Law, Coldstream Guards, eldest son of Lord and Lady Ellen-borough, of Springhill House, Groombridge, Sussex, and Graniu, daughter of Lord and Lady Boardman, of The Manor House, Walford North amstorehira Welford, Northamptonshire.

Dr A. T. Coady and Miss J. M. Brown The engagement is announced of Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs T. D. V. Coady, of Leamington Spa, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. M. Brown, of Hatfield Heath, Hertfordshire.

The cngagement is announced between Andrew David, son of Major David Jamieson, VC. and the late Mrs. Jamieson, of Drove House, Thornham, Norfolk, and Linda Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Clarke, of Erpingham Lodge, Ingworth, Norfolk.

Mr B. J. Wall and Miss C. Carden The engagement is announced between Brendan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Wall, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and Colette, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N. J. Carden, of Little Neston, Cheshire.

Mr J. C. Waters and Mrs D. C. Willers

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs H. C. Waters, of Cooden, Sussex, and Diane, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. L. Dobrashian, of Cambridge bridge.

Herr P. K. Wegner and Miss A. T. Haines The engagement is announced between Klaus Wegner, of Cologne, second son of Herr Friedrich Wegner and the late Frau Wegner, and Anne Taft, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F. H. Huines, of Hampshire.

Colonel R. H. Wheatley and Miss M. A. Newsom The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in September between Rupert Wheatley, of Bratton, Wiltsbire, in September between Rupert Wheatley, of Bratton, Wiltshire, and Margaret Newsom, of Little-ton Panell, Wiltshire.

Luncheons

HM Government Carrington, Secretary of Lord State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of the Guate-malan Foreign Minister, Ing Cas-tillo Valdez, and the Premier of Belize, Mr George Price.

HM Government Mr Richard Luce, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was bost at a luncheon held at the House of Commons yesterday in honour of the Flonish Foreign Minister. Royal College of Veterinary

Surgeons
Professor J. O. L. King, president
of the Royal College of Veterinary
Surgeons, assisted by officers of
the college, was host at a luncheon the couege, was nost at a jubic both at 32 Belgrave Square yesterday. The guests were:
General Sir Ceell Bloker, Profusion R. J. Harthon, Mr. D. D. Hindley-Smith, the Mon Douglas Hong, MP. Mr. Bryan Jefferson, Mr. Nell Maciarlane, MP. Professor J. A. F. Rook, Mr. R. D. Smart, Mr. John Sirading Thomas, MP, and Mr. R. G. Wikes.

Butchers' Company
Mr David Cornell, Master of the
Butchers' Company, presided at a
court luncheon at Butchers' Hall
yesterday, Mr Colin Cullimore and
Mr Alec Forshaw also spoke. The
quests included Mr Theo Bergström and Mr John St John.

Dinners

Speaker The Speaker gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday in honour of the Bishop of London and Mrs Elbson. Other guests

and Mrs Elison. Other guests were:
The Archbishop of Cantorbury and Mrs Runclo, the Right Rev Lord and Lady Coogan, Archbishop Brune Hebm (Apostotic Driegale), the Rev Dr Kenneth Groet President of the Mathodist Conference), and Mrs Greet, the Dean of St Paul's and Mrs Webster, the Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, and Mrs Heslen, the Rev Dr Ronald and Mrs Gibbins, Mr Yinthak Berman (Speaker of the Knesset), Mr Salomon Tandong Muna (President of the National Acsembly of Camparons), Mr Sunalbou Hayatou (Chargés d'Affaires of Cameroon), Lord and Lady Murton of Lindistarne, Mr Norman Si Johnstein Sievas, Mr. Mr and Mrs Jonathan Elison, Mr and Mrs Michael Stonor.

Medical Society of London
The Duke of Edinburgh was
present at an anniversary dinner
of the Medical Society of London
held at St Bartholomew's Hospital lust night, Surgeon ViceAdmiral Sir James Watt, president

Hunt.

Institution of Municipal Engineers
The Institution of Municipal Engineers gave a dinner at the Cutters'
Hall last night. The president, Mr
Stuart Mustow, was in the chair.
Those present Included:
The Earl of Dainsborough, Lord Hinton
of Bank-lide, the Chairman of the GLC,
then Lord, Mayor of Mediminister. Sir
John Lord, Mayor of Mediminister. Sir
Johns Swallield. Sir Goryas Watter,
Dame Swallield. Sir Goryas Watter,
Dame Swallield. Sir Goryas Watter,
Heaumoni-Dark, Mp. Mr N. W. Badgen,
MF, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mp. Councillor I.
McCallum and Councillor J. Smart.

and Princess Anna Obolensky
The marriage took place on February 26 at the Russian Orthodox
Cathedral of All Saints, London,
between Mr Jonathan Hudson and
Princess Anna Obolensky. Anglo Jordanian Society
The Anglo Jordanian Society held
their first annual dinner at the
Savoy Hotel yesterday. The
Jordan Ambassador, president,
and Mrs Izziddin received the
guests and Sir Frederic Bennett,
MP, chairman, presided. Among
those present were:
Lord and Lady Caradon, Lord and Lady
Caccia, and Sir Stephen and Lady
Miller.

and Princess Anna Obolensky

Mr K. W. Brewster and Miss S. M. Tyson

The engagement is announced

between Keith, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Brewster, of Burn-side, Underskiddaw, Keswick, and Susan, daughter of Dr and Mrs

W. J. Tyson, of Millbeck Place, Millbeck, Keswick, Cumbria.

Mr J. H. N. Horne and Miss A. M. Heaney
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. N. Horne, of Worham Mill House, Berchworth, Surrey, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs. J. B. Heaney, of Oldhouse Farm, Wakes Colue, Essex.

Mr. I. Mortisen
and Miss J. S. Franklin
The forthcoming marriage is
announced between Timothy, son
of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs
D. E. B. Morrison, of Tarrant
Keyneston, Dorset, and Jenny,
daughter of Mr and Mrs M. D. M.
Franklin, of Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Mr. L. Morrison

Mr C. E. Nettlefold and Miss H. M. Roper

Mr M. J. P. R. Symes and Miss F. J. O. Massey

Mr R. von Eisenhart Rothe

Marriages

Mr J. P. Hudson

Royal Cruising Club
The annual dioner of the Royal
Cruising Club was held at the
Porter Tun Room, yesterday. The
Commodore, Mr. Jonathan Trafford,
presided and Mrs. Trafford
presented the club's awards and
medals for its cemenary season.
Among those present were;
Sir waitam Pillar, Commodore, Royal
Naval Salling Association, and Lady
Pillar, Major-Jeneral W, Woods, Commodore, Royal trailegion Vachi Club,
and Mrs. Woods and Major John Lewish,
commodore, Royal Favey Vachi Club,
and Mrs. Lawis. Royal Cruising Club

County Planning Officers' Society
The president of the County Planning Officers' Society, Mr R.
Cooper Kenyon, presided at the
annual dinner held at the Law
Society's Hall yesterday. Mr E. F.
James, Mr J. T. Ireland and Mr
J. Barrow also spoke.

Suppers

HM Government
Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal,
and Lady Caroline Gilmour were
hosts at a theatre party yesterday
in honour of the Flanish Foreign
Minister at the Piccadilly Theatre and afterwards at a supper party at 1 Cariton Gardens,

Commonwealth Association The Secretary-General of the sociation, Sir Robin Vanderfelt, and Lady Vanderfelt gave a buffet supper at 7 Old Palace Yard yesterday in honour of Commonwealth parliamentarians attending the thirtieth seminar on parliamentary practice and procedure at Westminster.

Reception

London Court of Arbitration
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
the Sheriffs, attended a recordion
held by the London Court of Arbiheld by the London Court of Arbitration at the Mansion House yesterday evening. Mr Norman Royce,
chairman, Mr Douglas King, deputy chairman, and Mr Alfred
Shindler, vice-chairman, received
the guests, who included:
The Ambassadors of Belgium, Sweden
and Greece. He Masier of the Rolls,
the President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Aldgment Lady
Donaldson and Lord Roskill.

Service dinner

RAF College, Cranwell
Air Officer Commanding and Commandant. Air Vice-Marshal B.
Brownlow, and officers of RAF
College, Cranwell, were hosts at
a guest night held in the College
Hall Officers Mess vesterday to
mark the end of the 21 Nato senior
officers joint electronic warfage mark the end of the 21 Nato senior officers joint electronic warfare course and to dine out Group Captain R. A. Miller, Director of the Department of Air Warfare, Wing Commander C. E. Wilkinson presided. Among those present were: Reur-Admiral S. A. Swartzrauber, USA. Major-General D. C. Mackende, Canadian Forces, Air Vice-Marshal F. D. G. Clark, RAF, Commandant National Defence College, Lattmer, and the Deput Commandant of RAF College, Cranwell.



Deaconess Janet Driver, the first woman to join the ordained staff of St Paul's Cathedral.

Subsidies up | OBITUARY 11.7% to national arts

Arts Reporter

An increase of 11.7 per cent in the subsidies paid by the Arts Council to the "big four" national opera, ballet and drama companies is disclosed in a list published by the council today, the first time such a breakdown has been given.

orchestra said.

Unless extra financial support
can be found, the orchestra said
it would have to go into liquidation in the summer of next year.

English bridge

The following team will represent England in the home counties international bridge series for the Lady Milne Cup on June 6 and 7 at Saunderstoot: R. S. Brock (nop-playing captain), Mrs A. L. Fleming, Mrs V. A. Bingham, Mrs E. Penchara, Mrs L. Hayes, Mrs V. Austwick and Miss F. Davies (our Bridge Correspondent writes). Mrs Penchara is the only newcomer to international honours

companies By Kenneth Gosling

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For the Royal Opera House. Covent Garden, a rotal of just over 59m will be made available to support the opera company's seasons at Covent Garden and the Paloce Theatre, Manchester, and the Royal Ballet and the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet companies in London and on tour. The figure last year was 57.8m.

English Nazional Opera's subsidy will be £4.5m (£3.9m last year) and a further £1.5m (£1.2m) is to be made available for Opera North, based in Leeds. The National Theatre Board's subsidy for its activities in its three South (£4.95m) and further guarantees will be available for National Theatre company tours

The Royal Shakespeare Company gets £2.5m (£2.3m) to cover its work in Stratford, including The Other Place, and at the Aldwych and Warehouse theatres in Loudon. A further subsidy is to be allocated towards the costs of the company's season at Newcaste.

Orchestra's appeal: The National

the company's season at the castle.
Orchestra's appeal: The National Youth Orchestra has been told by the Department of Education and Science that it cannot expect a special grant from the department. (Our Music Reporter writes.) It applied for financial help after being told that the Arts Council was ceasing its grant.

"This last rejection closes the door of government funding to an organization widely regarded as the best in the world", the orchestra said.

team chosen

Science report

Ethology: Extended bird families "selfless" birds who help others relatives, the birds are not, on will leave behind fewer offspring than "selfish" birds who accept help but do not give it. "Selfiess mess" would thus be expected to die out quickly.

suggest the answer lies in con-sidering not only the individual but also those so closely related that they are likely to share many

Selfiessness may continue in a population if an animal is, for example, prepared to die for a very close relative who very prob-

ably also carries the same self-lessness characteristic but not for

a stranger who may not share that characteristic. That proposition is supported by the many examples.

the same genetic characteris-

By the staff of Nature The discovery that the Mexican lay Aphelocoma ultramanna lives in large "extended" fami-lies quite different from the "nuclear" families of most communial birds is presenting quite a puzzle to evolutionary biologists. A study of more than 500 birds over nearly 10 years has enabled Dr J. L. and Dr E. R. Brown of the State University of New York to work out the family relations of six groups of Mexican Jays lights in Arizona

They found stable social units containing grandparents, uncles, sunts and cousins in addition to parents and their brothers and sisters. The same birds are found in the same units each day and do not mix with their neighbours. Although only the older birds may breed, all the birds help in feeding the young and in defending the nests and territory from intruders. intruders.

The existence of birds who help in feeding the young of other birds is of particular litterest hebrids is of particular literest he-cause it appears to contradict the theory that natural selection acts on the individual. From the point of view of evolution, success is measured only in the number of offspring that an individual leaves behind. It would seem that

supported by the many examples of cooperative behaviour seen in social lasects where members of the same colony are very closely related; even more so that a normal brother and sister.

The problem with applying such an explanation to the extended family system of Mexican jays is that, because the group contains a great number of fairly distant Exhibitions: Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours, Mail Calleries, The Mail, 10-5; Paint-Today's engagements The Duke of Edinburgh, as Hon-orary Air Commodore, visits RAF Kinloss, 12,30.

Catteries, The Mail, 10-5; Fabrings, drawings and prints by Dolf Rieser, Lumley Cazalet, 24 Davies Street, 10-6; The vanishing cabinet, Andrew Lanyon's humorous and eccentric view of the history of photography, 35 King Street Gallery, Bristol, 10-7-30. Poetry: Philip O'Connor, National Poetry Society, 21 Earls Court Square, 7.30. Lectures: Titian: The death of Lectures: Titian: The death of Actaeon, Audrey Tyndall, National Gallery, 1; Hampstead Heath and Old Hampstead Society discussion: Recreational use of the heath. Burgh House, New End Square, 8. Bernard Levin signs copies of his book. Taking Sides, Harrods, Knightsbridge, 12-1. 10-7.30.
Lunchtime music: Guildball New
Music Ensemble, directed by
Buxton Orr, Noelle Barker,
Guildball School of Music and
Drama, Barbican, 1.10; John
Scott, organ, St Paul's Cathedral, 12.30

Beddington, Mr Richard Edward Lionel, of Dorstone, Herefordshire Bourner, Mrs Pearl Irene, of Wnodbridge, Suffolk ... £128.112 Broome, Mrs Eveline Frances, of Ilfracombe ... £190,616 Gathercote, Mr Thomas Isaac, of Bury St Edmunds ... £166,240 average, nearly closely related enough. In contrast, all the birds in nuclear families, which contain only parents and helping sons and daughters, are very wlosely A possible explanation is that

die out quickly.

How is it that natural selection can favour patterns of altruistic hehaviour that apparently do not favour the individual that carries them out? That general problem has recently attracted great attention from sociobiologists and they were the common than the control of th helping others might actually be of benefit to the helper in giving it experience of rearing young. If the bird gets a chance to breed at a later date the advantages of that experience might well out-weigh the effort it expended. A second explanation might lie in considering the special en-vironment in which the Mexican jay lives. The environment is barsh and birds may have very little chance to breed unless they stay in a group which has a well-established territory in a productive area. Birds may help their

relatives only so they can stay on until they can inherit the territory for themselves. The benefits of the different options open to an individual bird will need to be investigated before we can understand exactly how such an unusual social system arose.

Source: Science, February 27 (vol 211, p 959) 1931. Nature-Times News Service 1981.

Leighton Park School, Reading

The following awards have been made for September, 1981: First Scholarship: J. Agar (Holme Grange, Wokingham). Major Scholarship: P. M. Sewell (Leighton Park and Crossfields, Reading). Minor Scholarships: S. A. J. Mawby (Dolphin School, Hurst) in music, A. M. T. Wrigley (Hill School, Westerham). Exhibitions: S. B. Burden (Leighton Park and Dolphin School, Hurst); J. J. Holding (Abbey School, Tewkesbury): A. K. Jolly (Crossfields, Reading).

Queen Ethelburga's School, Harrogate

The following awards are adnounced: Sixth Form: Sixth Form
Scholarship: Sarab Corkill, Queen
Ethelburga's; Brentwood Scholarship: Ashley Heath, Queen
Ethelburga's. Entrance: Major
Scholarship: Jane Gleadell,
Handel House, Gainsborough;
Hogben Scholarship: Victoria
Hall, Red House, Norton; Exhibition: Lucy Barraclough, Waverley, Huddersfield.

RAF graduation

Air Commodore J. W. Price, Director of Operations (Strike), presented wings to the following officers of the general duties (pilot) branch on completion of their advanced flying training course at Number 2 Flying Training School, RAF Shawbury, yesterday: day ; Flight Lieutenani A. A. Lawiesa, Flying Officers R. L. Hill and G. Miller, Pitot Officers A. Strachan and G. J. James.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, March 6, 1956 Negro rights

Negro rights

Washington, March S. — The United States Supreme Court to day upheld a decision that its ban on segregation of whites and Negroes in public (state and cityowned) schools also applies to colleges and universities which receive help from taxpayers' money. The original decision was given by a special district court in Greensboro, North Carolina. It ordered the admission of three Negroes to the University of North Carolina. University officials appealed to the Supreme Court to reverse the district court decision and its own decision of May 17, 1954, rejecting segregation of white and Negro pupils in public schools. The Supreme Court action today was taken without the customary hearing of arguments.

MR FRANK MAGUIRE MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone

Mr Frank Maguire, who had been Independent MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone since October 1974, died in hospital in Enniskillen yesterday, following his collapse at his home in Lisnaskea. He was 51. Though he had been active in

the republican movement in the early part of his life and continued to remain concerned in the matter of the treatment of the matter of the treatment of republican prisoners in British prisons. Maguire remained something of an enigma as a Westminster politician. He rarely made an appearance in the House of Commons and was never known to make a speech or ask a question in the House: or ask a question in the House ; or ask a question in the House; but his presence in divisions became a matter of great importance on more than one occasion during the Labour Government of Mr Callaghan, and it was his abstention during the final confidence vote ing the final confidence vote early in 1979 which contributed to the downfall of the Callaghan

government. Meredith Francis Maguire was born in 1929, a nephew of the veteran nationalist and former MP, John Carron, and educated at St Mary's Marist Brothers School, Athlone. In his early days he was known as a brilliant Gaelic footballer and referee. He was also active in the republican movement and during the late 1950s was interned for two years as a suspected IRA member.

As the well known publican of Frank's Bar in his native village of Lisnaskea, a future for Maguire as a Westminster politician would have seemed an unlikely one until he was chosen as the compromise Roman Catholic candidate for Fermanagh and South Tyrone. for the general election of October 1974; the seat bad been lost to Mr Harry West, the official Unionist Party leader by Mr Frank McManus, the extreme republican who had held it for his own Unity Party, until February of that vear.

Though little known in poli-

the seat from West, reputedi without making one single policy speech during the cam-paign period. This reticence wapage period. In a relicence wato continue during his parlia,
mentary career: he preferrer
the company of his constituent
on the home ground of his bat
in Lisnaskea to the vociferous
ethos of the chamber, and his
visits to Westminster were few

and far between. Yet, ironically, though he be came known as "the invisible man" at Westminster, his pre sence at crucial divisions be came a matter of vital concern during the bie of a Callaghan government frequently hard pressed for a majority. Bu though he supported the govern ment in several of such votes he eventually abstained during the confidence vote of March 28, 1979, the loss of which forced the government to the polis.

In the general election of May 1979 Maguire substantially in creased his majority over his nearest (OUP) rival. Though not outspoken in Parliament be was always concerned for the welfare of republican prisoners and when he travelled to Britain it was frequently to visit

Maguire was married with tical circles Maguire wrested three sons and one daughter.

MR TORIN THATCHER

Mr Torin Thatcher, the stage and film actor, died on March 3
at the age of 76.

With a bold authority in
presence and voice, he was
smoog the most regarded
character actors in London until he left England for New York and, ultimately, Hollywood. There he gave the rest of his career to films in which he was

abundantly versatile.

Though he had an exceptional range—his parts at Cambridge laid the foundation—he was at heart a classical man with a sustained feeling for theatre history. He did much Shake-speare in his first London years and returned occasionally later. Visitors to the Olivier Hamlet at Elsinore (in June, 1937) re-call the regality of Claudius which Thatcher doubled with the Ghost on the indoor cabaretstage at Marienlyst and later, during better weather, in the Kronborg courtyard. And they too, now career professional he remained during the rain-blighted prelimina-

ries to the Festival. Born at Bombay in January, 1905, educated at Bedford School, and originally a teacher, be studied under Nugent Monck at the Maddermarket, Norwich, and at the Royal Academy of

Deamatic Art. His beginnings could scarcely have been more various; they He toured in Grunpy; then for nine months, 19267, he was at Cambridge in one of Terence Gray's extraordinary Festival

from The Oresteid to Sweency Todd. Immediately after this he had two years with the Old Vic, playing among other things the Ghost in Hamlet and Ford in The Merry Wives of Vindsor with several opportunities as in Mary Magdalen and Everyman. to use his impressively deep voice for offstage figures. He went on to Shaw in an exacting Macdona Players' repertory, mainly on tour; when he settled as a West End actor—the term then included the Embassy at

anv challenge. These would be rare; not many contemporary plays were durable. But he was in some then little-explored classics, 21ving his graciousness to Antonio
in The Duchess of Malfi (Embassy 1935) and in the same year eloquent as Alcibiades Anna Marie Le Bourgne.

Swiss Corrage—he could take

(back under Nugent Monck's direction) in a Westminster Timon of Athens. He played the Ghost in Cuthrie's Hamlet revival (Old Vic 1937) and in Elsinore that summer doubled with Claudius. During the autumn he was the stoker in Priestley's People At Sea at the Apollo: early in 1938 he brought off a feat unfamiliar now, appearing concurrently in two productions, a first act at Wyndham's, a last two at the

Savov. Between 1940 and 1945 he served in the Army, being demobilised with the rank of colonel. Even then he could act, appearing as Claudius, and as Ferrovius in Androcles and the Lion at GHQ. Middle East

(1944-45). Back on the London stage be helped to found the Reunton Theatre Association and at the Arts (April 1946) played in Exorcise Bowler which he helped to write. His last London part was in the fleeting Jonathan (Aldwych, July 1948): that September he was Henry in the New York production of Edward. My Son and his remaining stage performances tlong gaps between when he was generally filming) were in the

New York theatre: from 1963 he devoted bimself to films. Thatcher had made his film included the gruff German tutor in A Month In the Country John Regan in 1934 and (Playbouse, Oxford); a tour in Sailors Don't Care; and two parts for William Poel in Fratches of the Atlantic. In the British cinema he will be remembered the Shaw adaptation, Major Barbara: the prison camp story, The Captive Heart: and David Lean's finaly crafted 1946 ver-Theatre seasons that swung sion of Great Expectations, in which he played the aggressive Bentley Drummle who marries Estella und later dies in an

> From the early 1950s he settled in Hollywood and was in steady demand for supportica, roles for almost two decades. His films included The Snows of Kilimanjuro; the Biblical epic and the first picture to be shot in Cinema Scape, The Robe; a popular Danny Kaye vehicle, Knock on Wood; Love is a Many Splendoured Thing: Billy Wilder's version of the Agatha Christie play, Witness for the Prosecution; and, during the 1960s, the Burton Taylor The Sandpiper and

accident.

He was married, first, to the actress Rita Duniel, who pre-

MRS DOROTHY JOHNSTONE

from 1964 to 1976, died on February 24, at the age of 65. VS writes:

Mrs Dorothy Johnstone, whose death was reported last whose death was reported last week, was the first over woman to become a Commissioner of Customs and Excise. By the time she joined Customs in 1957, she had already won a great reputation in her previous departments and she quickly became established as one of Customs' best known and most respected members. At one time she and her husband Arthur had the distinction of being Commissioners respec-rively of Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue.

As Commissioner for General

Customs, she presided over the marked change in the Department's attitude towards greater involvement with trade and industrial interests in developing customs procedures. In 1970, she was made responsible for the machinery and control aspects of the introduction of

Mrs Dorothy Christian Liddle VAT, and she remained on VAT Johnstone, CBE, a Commissioner of Customs and Excise In that capacity, she dealt with countless trade and professional associations.

All who met her were im-pressed by her formidable in-telligence, her commonsense, tellizence, her commonsense, and her willingness to see and. where possible, meet their diffi-culties. Those who worked with her found also that, under her no-nonsense manner, she had a warm concern for the welfare of her staff and a keen sense of humour. As a civil servant. perhans her greatest quality was her ability to explain complicated issues simply: her book A tox shall be charged, describing the introduction of VAT, is one of the most lucid accounts ever written about the admini-

Strative process.

Even in retirement, and despite ill-health, she remained interested and involved in taxation and public offairs. She was the first point of reference for anyone seeking expert guidance on the administration of VAT; and she was first a lecturer and subsequently a visiting Fellow at the University of Bath.

Old Master drawings to be sold By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

The collection of Old Master draw-

ings formed by Tobias Christ, a Swiss lawyer who died 35 years ago, is to be sold by Sotheby's on April 9. Not since the von Hirsch sale of 1978 left the market gasping at new price levels has so important a group of early German drawings come on the mar-let; there are 60 drawings in the Christ collection, German, Swiss and Dutch dating from the fif-teenth to the seventeenth century. Prices for Dürer drawings at the von Hirsch sale ranged from 522,000 to £640,000. Several Ger-

many hours of pleasure throughout the years are now sadly in need of your help. Those are the musicians who—unprotected by a pension—have suffered serious accidents and illnesses which prevent them from performing ever again Now they lace hearthreaking hardships as they wonder how they will manage to survive. So please think of the survive. So please think of the carpowned they to given my more and help make their lives a little more enjoyable. Too:

Please send a denation large or amail. It will help to maintain our two homes of residence for they have a comfort and an are the product of the survive and they would be the survive and they would be they to maintain our two homes of residence for they are retired music-tans and will give comfort to many who long for your support. Philip Crenmer. Chairman MUSICIANS BENEVOLENT



man fifteenth or sixteenth-century masters topped, or nearly topped, the \$100,000 mark.

Sotheby's are not looking to repeat such prices, although excesses are always possible when extreme rarriues are for sale.

Nost distinguished are a "St Christopher" dated 1520 by Hans Nost distinguished are a "St Christopher" dated 1520 by Hans Baldung Grien and a small study by Dürer for his print of 1505. "The Satyr's Family". Prices of about £50,000 to £70,000 are being suggested for these drawings. Outstanding among the Dutch drawings is Rembrandt's "Diana seated with two dogs", a real hunting "tough" sitting with her legs indelicately apart. There is a heautiful half-length "Portrait of a scated woman", by Jacob



Latest wills

Mari Meredith Thompson, of Oxford, left estate valued at £118.628 net. She left £7.500 and

some effects to personal legatees, and the residue to the RNLI. Other estates include (net, before

Rembrandt's " Diana seated with two dogs ", in the Christ collection to be sold next month. and other works of art was par-ticularly well attended, totalling 167,602, with only 3 per cent un-

de Gheyn, two figure studies by the rare Bohemian. Buytewech, and a page from a sketchbook by Van Dyck.

Swing after one of the best known figures it produced.

Britannia. a pretty girl, sity weeping, a medalinn of the prince known figures it produced.

Britannia. a pretty girl, sits weeping, a medallion of the prince clasped by her left arm, and and supported by a good-natured lion. The figure is 7 in high Robert Williams, in the Bury Street firm of Winifred Williams, travelled to Somerset for the sale and claimed her.

Lawrence's sale of ceramics. An example of one of Britain's rarest porcelain factories came up for sale at Lawrence's of Crew-kerne yesterday when a white figure of "Britannia Prince of Wales "was sold for \$10,000 (estimate \$5,000 to \$8,000). The factory is known as "Girl in a

The market in Japanese ceramics and works of art proved nortably weaker at Sotheby's Belgravia than at the similar Cutheby sale held in New York last weekend. There was a total of £103,799, with 16 per cent unseld.

BUSINESS NEWS

The upheaval US banking. page 17

■ Stock markets FT Ind 496.2 down 3.8 FT Gilts 68.61 down 0.05

■ Sterling \$2.2040 up 75 points Index 99.0 up 0.3

Index 100.7 up 0.1 DM 2.1360 up 5 points

■ Gold

\$463.50 down 51

3 mth sterling 123-124 3 mth Euro \$ 16;2-16;6

- BINBBRIDGE

Ransome to close engineering factory

Ransome Hoffmann Pollard. the precision engineering group, is to run down its Northampton factory with the loss of 340 jobs. The company's shares fell 4p

The Northampton factory's main product is car water pump bearings. It has been on short-time working for more than six months, as export sales have dwindled. Demand is now too low to keep the factory open. The strong pound is blamed for making the bearings uncompetitive of the process of the competitive of the c titive in Europe.

The company is to transfer the Northampton factory's product range to one of its other factories over several months. Ransome Hoffmann Pollard reported 1979-80 profits of £11m but Mr David Ewart, the chairman, said that noor economic conditions would have an adverse effect on this year's first half profits.

Promoting Scotland

A new organization called Locate In Scotland will promote Scotland abroad, it was announced by Mr Robin Duthie, chairman of the Scottish Develop-menr Agency. It will be based in Glasgow and will have a staff of 20 drawn from the SDA and the Scottish Economic Planning Department.

Lucas action group

Staff and manual unions representing 17,000 Lucas Electrical employees have formed an action committee to fight company plans to close more factories and exe a reported 3,000

£27m Korean order Northern Telecom's subsi-

Northern Telecom will sell C560m (522.7m) of telecommunications equipment to the Republic of

Mutual funds plan

The United States is considering imposing reserve requirements on money market mutual funds, which now have asets under management of almost \$100,000m (about £45,450m) as a means, of assisting alling savings and loan banks.

Microchip deal

Motorols, the United States electronics company, and the Dutch Philips group together with Signetics, its California-based subsidiary, have signed a five-year agreement to collaproduction of a family of micro-

Thai bank credit

The Export Credits Guarantee Department has backed a \$3m (£1.4m) line of credit for the Thai Farmers Bank, to finance the export of British capital goods and services to Thailand.

Nissan site denial

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, has denied reports that Wales had already been selected as the site for a £200m car plant creating 5,000 jobs by Nissan of Japan.

Wall Street lower

Falls

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 6.82 points down to 964.62. The \$SDR was 1.22279. The £ was 0.556016.

CBI calls for £6,000m state spending to boost growth and jobs

By Patricia Tisdall Management Correspondent

An expansion of government spending by \$1,500m a year for each of the next four years is being urged by the Confederation of British Industry as part of a strategy for economic

By 1985 the programme pro-posed in a staff discussion paper published by the CBI yesterday would cost an additional 56,000m but could cut un-employment and restore industrial growth,

The \$2-page document con-taining 50 separate recom-mendations is the creation of Sir Terence Beckett, the former chairman of Ford who took over as the CBI's director-general last summer. "If we want to get this

country moving we have to start giving industry some priority in the scheme of things", he said yesterday. " If we let things go the way

they are going, unemployment would continue to grow right through to 1985."

With unchanged policies, output would grow by less than 1 per cent a year up to 1985, unemployment would rise to well over three million, inflation would fall only slowly after 1981 and company profitability remain weak. remain weak.

If the CBI plan were implemented, the economy would expand by 3 per cent a year, memployment would drop, inflation would slow down and profits would improve.

"Our approach is based on an improvement in industry's performance together with in-creased funds from the Government partly from increased North Sea oil revenues and partly from savings. There is a very definite real need for industry to help itself and for the Government to recognize
the plight the economy finds
itself in ", Sir Terence added.
CBI leaders denied that
there was widespread dissatisfaction with the Government's

handling of the economy. "Our dissatisfaction is with the community at large", Sir Raymond Pennock, CEI president, said. "We're not seeking to bash any particular sector. We're all in this mess together and wa put it right."

The employers stress that their proposals would not add to inflation. "We have taken great care that there will be no inflationary element in our programme". Sir Raymond

The CBI is also at pains to point out that its proposals are quite different from the £6,000m expansion asked for in the 1981 Trades Union Congress Review which was all planned for in the coming financial year.

The CBI document has been sent to the Prime Minister and to Cabinet ministers, including Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor. The employers sav they have not so far had a reaction but hope that the first positive response will appear in next Tuesday's Budget.

Top of a list of "firm" proposals and the biggest single item of expenditure on the CBI's list is the abolition of national insurance surcharge. In its pre-budget submissions the CBI is asking for an immediate 2 per cent cut in interest



needed to put things right.

rates. The document calls for the abolition of National Insurance surcharge by 1985. It suggests that a total of £1,500m a year should go on major capital investment programmes including new roads, new sewerage systems and ven-tures like railway electrification, gas gathering pipelines and nuclear development.

Among suggestions which are likely to arouse controversy among some CBI members is that of selecting special indus-try sectors for state aid. The document suggests that £750m could go to "sunrise industries" with the best growth and profitability prospects. Ex-amples of industries cited by Sir Terence as likely candidates for government support include

genetic engineering bio-tech-nology, telematics, office equip-ment, aerospace and oil ex-ploration.

"We have not been very successful at picking winners in the past, but other countries do it and there is no reason why we cannot in the future," he said. "The alternative would be to allow laissez-faire policies to take their course and cut interest rates, business costs and taxes. But the risk then is that the resources would be spent on consumption and imports and it would not lead to the

investment we need." If endorsed by the CBI's policy making council, such a move would represent an impor-tant shift in CBI thinking and would also involve a change of emphasis by the Government. The strategy document points out: "If we allow investment to fall any lower, future generations will be appalled at our lack of imagination and fore-sight in failing to take advan-tage of the opportunity presented by North Sea reven-

CBI members are urged to decide urgently whether they wish the confederation and the Government to adopt a positive industrial policy along these

We must have the will to win, because if we do not we shall have increasing dissatis-faction stemming from increasing unemployment and future", Sir Terence savs.

Barclays reveal £300m aid to industry

A firm indication of the likely scale of financial support clear-ing banks are extending to re-cession-hit British manufacturing industry came yesterday from Barclays.

The bank estimates that over the past year it has lent some 1250-£300m which it would not £250m-£300m which it would not stances not been "abnormal".

Mr Frank Dolling, a vice-chairman of Barclays, said that it "was part of a conscious policy of helping businesses in

It has become clear over the last few months that the clearers have been playing a crucial

"industrial lifeboat" role to help companies through their financial difficulties.

In some cases, such as the assistance being given to the private steel sector, the help has become public knowledge but there have been dozens more schemes working behind the scenes. The clearers have also become noticeably more reluctant to push companies into the hands of the receiver.

Mrs Thatcher has already reminded the clearers that the Government expected "those who gain from high interest rates will use their fortuitously high profits to show confidence in basically sound established

Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England, also conceded in January this year that the Bank had been active in "bringing the inter-

ested parties together". But the Bank has gone to great length to refute suggesbanks' arms and the Governor stressed in his Janary speech that it was a matter for the banks to judge how they can "properly continue to lend". The clearers themselves see this role as their strongest argument for escaping the rumoured windfall profus tax in next week's Budget.

Just how wary the banks have become about this sort

of lending has been showing up in the bad debt provisions they have been announcing recently in the full-year results.

Earclays increased its charge for bad and doubtful debts in the profit and loss account fro missm to il30.3m for last year and while this also includes international lending the increase in the United King-dom operations was almost seventold to £69.6m.

The big jump was the bank's specific provisions from £25.5m to £102.9m which reflect loans the bank's management judge to be specially at risk. Lloyds and National West-minster have already announced

big increases in their bad debt

Full year profits from Barclays for 1980 slipped frac-tionally from £529.4m to £523.5m although shareholders are to get a 20 per cent increase

in their dividends. As with the other clearers the domestic banking side has been hit in the second half by lower interest rates, the switch away from cheaper current account, money, and a 31 per cent rise in staff costs. In contrast to the rest of the

country Barclays said yester-day that staff numbers rose 7 per cent last year.

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Little chance of full monetary base system despite strong support of Prime Minister

There now seems little chance that a full monetary base system of controlling the money supply will be introduced during the litetime of the present

Despite the strong support of the Prime Minister and Profes-sor Alan Walters, her personal economic adviser, the advocates of a swift move to a monetary base system have failed to carry the day in the teeth of deter-mined opposition from the Bank of England.

monetary base system would involve trying to control the money supply by regulating the quantity of cash held by the banking system with the Bank of England, plus notes and coin in circulation, rather than by manipulating interest rates as

at present.
The Bank of England says
there is as yet no evidence that
a monetary base system would result in tighter control over the money supply and, by in-creasing the volatility of inter-est rates, it could make financlai management more difficult. Instead Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, work out all the necessary will announce in his Budget details.

statement on Tuesday a number of changes to the present sy-tem which will be "commistent" with a future move to control of

the monetary base.

But he is not expected to announce a time table for such a move. This effectively rules out the introduction of full monetary base control in the present Parliament.

The changes to be announced were foreshadowed in the Chan-cellor's mini-Budget statement on November 24 last year. They will include a target date by which the rule obliging banks to hold a fixed proportion of their liabilities in reserve assets with the Bank of England will be abandoned; a progress report on the development of a port on the development of a new measure of money M2 based on banks retail deposits; and an indication of when Mini-mum Lending Rate will be

Sir Geoffrey had hoped to introduce these changes imme-diately after the Budget, but its early timing at the beginning of March turned out to ltave insufficient time for officials to



Professor Walters: argued against sterling M3

The Chancellor will present his monetary objectives for the coming year as "maintaining the broad thrust of the medium term financial strategy". But the objectives will be targeted on a range of monetary indi-cators, not just on sterling M3

of the 1980 Budget, sterling M3 (notes and coin in circulation plus banks' sterling deposits of United Kingdom residents) was projected to decline steadily from 7 to between 7 and 11 per cent in 1980-81 to between 4 and 8 per cent in 1983-84. between British and Norwegian it is likely to end the 81 financial year up 1990-81 between 17 and 18 per cent on a year earlier.

By contrast, measures of money, such as M1 and the monetary base, have risen relatively slowly. The difficulty of controlling M3 has led some monetarist economists, including Professor Walters, to argue that it is not a suitable short-run target of monetary control, though it is still gen-erally favoured as the best measure of money supply over

The Chancellor may announce on Tuesday that the authorities will in future pay heed to the behaviour of a narrow measure of money, such as M1, as well as previously.

Under the medium term interest rate and other mone-strategy, published at the time tary control policies.

banks for £5,000m to refinance By Roman Eisenstein Banking Correspondent

Poland asks

Poland has asked commercial banks to help with refinancing the country's increasingly in-tractable foreign debt. This year it needs to find nearly \$11,000m (£5,000m) to pay back existing loans and raise new money to

tide it over the present critical economic situation.

The Poles have formally usked the banks to reschedule \$3,100m due to then this year. They want \$1,000m to be made available immediately and the rest by June to meet their needs in the second half of the year. A meeting in London yesterday saw some tense moments as the five-man Polish delega-tion, led by Mr Jan Woloszyn, one of his country's eminent bankers and deputy chairman of Bank Handlowy, Poland's foreign trade bank, answered searching questions from representatives of more than 70 banks.

The meeting comes after discussions with representatives from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OGCD) governments held last week in Paris, Then representatives of 15 creditor countries reached an agreement in principle to reschedule \$4,400m of government backed credits to Poland. Another meeting with the 15

reditor governments is to be held next week in Worsew and April is the target date for a full agreement.

The need to borrow nearly \$11,000m this year is made up of \$7,500m of debt repayments and around \$3,400m of projected current account deficit. Adding interest payments due this year and the new credits could bring the total Polish debt to the West, including banks, government and other com-

In this they will follow the example set by Western governments at last week's meeting.

N Sea output revised downwards by 9 pc

By Nicholas Hirst Energy Correspondent

Estimates of N Sea output over the next few years con-tinue to fall. Mr David Howell, the Secretary of State for Energy, answering a parliamentary question yesterday, gave a range of possible production to 1984 nearly nine per cent below figures of last July.

Production in the current year is expected to be between 80 to 95 million tonnes, which compares to actual produc-tion of 80.5 million tonnes dur-ing 1980 and an estimate of 85 to 105 million tonnes made in the Department of Energy's publication "Development of the oil and gas resources of the United Kingdom, 1980", known as the " Brown Book ".

Output during each of the years to 1984 is similarly curback. Production in 1982 is expected to be 85 million tonnes to 110 million tonnes, compared ao last year's estimate of 90 million to 120 million.

In 1983 it is now expected to be 85 million to 115 million tonnes against 95 to 130 million tonnes, and in 1984 90 to 120 the earlier figure of 95 to 135 million tonnes.

milion tonnes.

The figures take no account of any depletion measures which may be ordered by the Secretary of State for Energy.

Last year the Government announced that it would pur-

sue a flexible depletion policy, aimed at preserving net-self sufficiency of oil usage for as long as possible.

As a result of a 14.7 per cent in total petroleum use last year, the United Kingdom came very close to self-sufficiency in oil, a position which is likely to be achieved which is this year.

An end to the recession should bring some increase in demand, but as long as output remains at the low end of estimates, it is unlikely that the Government will be forced to use its powers to cut back production from fields now producing.

Only towards the end of the period is any significant hump in production likely to occur, and then unless it is at the top end of estimates, output may not greatly exceed consumption. So far, the only specific decision made on depletion by the Government is to delay the start-up of the British National Oil Corporation's Clyde field by two years. The effects of this decision will not show up until

Accounting draft: An exposure draft on accounting treatment for petroleum revenue tax has been issued by the Accounting Standards Committee. The intention of ED 28 is to increase disclosure and harmon ize treatment of the allowances and safeguards built into the Oil Taxation Act 1975.

UK current account in surplus by £2,700m

Economics Editor

year, with the current payments position in surplus by £1,900m in the fourth quarter alone. exactly equal to the deficit on

current account was matched by huge capital outflows; par-ticularly in the final quarter of the year when an identified total of £1,221m flowed out of

thought to have lent about £900m in sterling to overseas

designed to encourage a capital outflow from the United Kingdom. One effect of this is to ease pressure for sterling to rise at a time when the current account is in surplus.

rose and the level of imports

Trade in invisibles recorded

Britain had a £2,700m surplus on its current account last
on invisibles was £1,900m.
Trade in invisibles includes The fourth quarter sione. the City and tourism and the transactions of the Government, Treasury predicted at the time of the Budget last March. The surprise surplus on the

the country.
Private investment overseas is estimated to have been £1,758m in the final quarter of the year, and British banks are

Government abolition of exchange controls in 1979 was

Britain's surplus in 1980 con-trasts with a £1,600m deficit in 1979. The change is entirely explained by big improvements in our visible trade, as the amount received for exports

a surplus of £600m, compared with £300m in the third quarter.

earnings on services such as which are dominated by payments to the European Econo-

mic Community.

There was a £1,181m surplus on the transactions of the private sector and public corporations in the fourth quarter. British oil companies earned less from their overseas activi-ties than in previous quarters, while foreign companies operating in the United Kingdom earned more. The overall account on interest, profits and dividends was in deficit for 1980 as a whole, a sharp worsen-

ing from 1979. The earnings of British com panies overseas in sterling terms were greatly influenced by the rise in the value of the pound, which went up from an effective rate of 87.3 at the start of 1930 to 101.1 at the end on the Bank of England's index, which sets 1975 as 100.

On the capital account, there was about £1,000m of portfolio investment overseas by United Kingdom residents in the fourth quarter, bringing the total for the year to about £2,800m. There were some offsetting in-flows into Britain, though not

such a large scale as in

Poland is also hoping to arrange \$3,400m of new government backed export credits. This figure was discussed at last week's Paris meeting.

government and other companies, to more than \$30,000m.

The Poles told the bankers
that they would like repayments to be spread to between
eight and 10 years, with possibly
a five years' grace period.

It is understood that Poland
would like to extend repayment
of government-backed debt to
be also spread over several
years. Although the word has
not been mentioned, Poland is
effectively seeking a mora-

effectively seeking a mora-torium on its foreign loans.

While the banks have not committed themselves to any-thing it seems clear that selfinterest dictates an encouraging response to the Polish requests. Meanwhile, it is understood that the banks are prepared to grant Poland some short-term credits as an interim measure.

Monopolies referral for ferry and hovercraft mergers

By Peter Wilson-Smith The proposed takeover of Sealink UK, British Rail's cross-Channel ferry business, by European Ferries, its main competitor, has been referred

yesterday by Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade. Mr Biffen has also referred to the commission the proposed merger between the

20p to 232p 6p to 117p 7p to 243p

Swedish-owned Hoverlloyd and British Rail hovercraft

Both decisions were in line with advice from the Office of Rair Trading. However the

Fair Trading. However the referral of the hovercraft merger still gave rise to some chairman, described it as both a surprise and disappointment. "The poor financial results of the two companies are well,

known, and with the closure of

Channel, should be referred to alization when the Transport be sold to the private sector. "The decision to make the reference to the Monopolies

Bill becomes law in the sum-mer. Mr Biffen said yesterday: "It remains the Government's firm intention that a controll-

make a formal offer or pur a price on Scalink, but if allowed, a merger would give the com-bined group an overall market share of about 60 per cent Over the past year, fierce rate-cutting and a drop in freight traffic have sharply reduced the profitability of the Cross-Channel operators and Scalink is understood to have made

merger will be against the public interest." European Ferries has yet to

In contrast European Ferries. surprise, and was immediately attacked by British Rail. to the Monopolies Commission. which is headed by Mr Keish Wickenden the right-wing Conservative MP, and which announced its proposed bid for The decision, which had been Mr Michael Bosworth, deputy widely expected, was announced ing interest in Sealink should

PRICE CHANGES

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Norway seeking to use its £5,000m a year oil revenue

Sealink last December after it

became apparent that a merger of the hovercraft companies was being discussed, was

New Vikings are out to share their spoils

a new Viking invasion of Britain. But this time it will be the hand of friendship and cooperation which the new breed of Norwegian invaders will extend to recession-bit industry in Britain.

They will be trying to capital-ize on the historical trading links which have brought the two nations even closer together since the discovery and development of the oil riches beneath the North Sea. By comparison with Britain, Norway is comfortably off, with norway is connortably on; with a high-wage economy, small population, a continuing commitment to a policy of full employment and oil revenues likely to be filling the Oslo Government's coffers with

Prompted by fears of the consequences of serious overhearing of the economy from oil revenues, the Norwegian Government is considering how best the country's industrial development can be improved. A report to be discussed shortly in the Storting (parliament) calls for "increased interna-tionalization" of Norwegian-manufacturing industry.

But Norway has anticipated

the debate and appointed four

commercial counsellors at

embassies in the United King-

dom, West Germany, Sweden and the United States, who have

been charged with coordinating and promoting greater Norweg-

Plans are being drawn up for about £5,000m a year from the ian industrial investment and from Manchester Steel to Kavli, involvement in those countries. which makes cheese-spreads and Mr August Smit-Olsen, who is

Commission does not prejudge the question of whether a

responsible for developing the Norwegian bridgehead in Britain, is confident that the flow of investment capital into existing United Kingdom manufacturing companies, the estab-lishment of Norwegian-owned subsidiaries and the formation of joint ventures, and the acquisition of companies in receivership will grow.

"Over the past 12 months

Norwegian companies have been opening offices in the United

Kingdom at the rate of about

Already there are more than 150 Norwegian companies with

interests in Britain, ranging

one a month," he said.

crispbread, with a total turn-over of about £350m a year.

Mr Smit-Olsen and his colleagues are especially keen to encourage closer collaboration between British and Norwgian companies in the offshore-related sector, civil engineering and energy conservation, with an eye particularly on joint ventures in the less developed

"What we are really trying to do is to merge our mutual interests on both sides of the perhaps \$50m through tighter North Sea to a common and beneficial goal," he says. controls on inventories and

Peter Hill

Chrysler cuts back to set up \$300m fund

From Frank Vogl Washington, March 5

The ailing Chrysler Corporation is launching yet another cost-cutting effort in an attempt to develop a \$300m (£136.5m) cash reserve fund. The government's Chrysler Loan Guaranty Board has urged such a fund to protect the company against a sudden fall in new car demand. The company's desperate

plight could be eased for at least a short period by government action to restrict car imports from Japan, and Chrysler is lobbying hard for this. But there appears to be a deep split within President Reagan's cabinet on this issue and this source of aid for Chrysler appears in doubt.

Latest reports suggest that Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, and Mr Donald Regan, Secretary of the Treasury, oppose car protectionism. But Mr Drew Lewis, Secretary of Transportation, and

Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce, as well as Mr Ray Donovan, Secretary of Lisbour, all support restrictions. Mr Lee Iacocca, Chrysler chairman, told The Wall Street Journal that to raise some of the \$300m the company might sell its two aircraft, some land and unused buildings and raise

receivables. The company went to great lengths to strengthen its financial position recently to secure

government approval of \$400m loan guarantees, and finding the full \$300m for a cash reserve now might prove impossible It seems unlikely that Chrysler's employees, dealers and bankers, are going to be willing to make still more con-

cessions.

The extent of the recent con-cessions is outlined in a letter shareholders from Iacocca. This points out that the United Auto Workers Union agreed to income reductions totalling \$622m for the period to September 1982 and that a further cut of \$161m had been made in staff costs. In addition, Chrysler's major suppliers provided some \$72m

of concessions, while major lenders agreed to convert \$343m

of debt into Chrysler preferred shares and will convert a fur-ther \$343m in the second quarter of this year. The need for an emergency reserve fund to cushion the company against sharp falls in sales is underlined by develop-ments at Chrysler in the final quarter of last year. In his letter to shareholders, the company's chairman noted that Chrysler was profitable in Octo-

ber and looked like making a fourth quarter profit. "But in November and December a series of un-expected events suddenly devastated the United States market", Mr Iacocca said. He pointed to record high interest rates, double-digit inflation and falls in consumer confidence.

The approach to nuclear design



Sweden and Norway in energy agreement

lateral energy and industrial cooperation package to be signed in Oslo later this month. It was reached between Mr Thorbjoern Faelidin, the Swedish Prime Minister, and Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, his Norwegian counterpart, during the 29th session of the Nordic Council, being held in Copen-

hagen this week.

Details have still to be completed, but the package includes energy exchange arrangements whereby Sweden would provide Norway with the equivalent of 2,000 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year in return for three million tons of Norwegian North Sea oil, equivalent to 15 per cent of Sweden's current total annual oil requirement.

African office

The Hongkong Trade Development Council has opened a new office in Nairobi, its first trade links with African coun-

Deep-sea research

A West German shipyard is to build a deep-sea research vessel, to be used by India to collect data on hydrocarbons and other deposits, and carry out marine biology exploration, under an agreement signed in New Delhi. West Germany is providing some \$30m (£13.6m) in loans and grants.

Tokyo steel output

Mr Yoshifumi Kumagai, Sumitomo Metal Industries president, predicts Japanese crude steel production in fiscal 1981, which starts pext month, may fall to about 102 million tonnes from an estimated 107 million in fiscal 1980.

Operation survival

M Robert Urbain, the Belglan trade minister, is prepar-ing a plan to spur exports called "operation survival" called "operation survival" designed to reduce the trade deficit to near zero within three ing Authority has so far failed to agree the terms under which Trident Television is to break up its television empire to enable Yorkshire and Tyne Tees, its present subsidiaries, to retain their franchises.

£33m expansion

Blue Circle, Britain's largest cement maker, yesterday announced a £33m expansion programme for Fabrica de Cemento El Melon, its Chilean subsidiary. The investment will Increase output at the works from 750,000 tonnes to 1.25 million tonnes a year by 1983,

OECD growth

Real growth of countries in the Organization for Economic and that Trident had until the is likely to fall an average one per cent this year and an up-turn cannot be expected until the start of 1982 at the earliest, the Kiel Economic Institute

Oil product prices

Consumer prices for oil products sold inside the European Economic Community were up again on February 23 since December 1978 to 105 per cent from 94 per cent the previous week, which was the lowest level since last November.

Pipeline project

The export-import bank of Japan will liave talks soon with the Soviet Union on a loan to help to finance the construction of a 3,000-mile natural gas pipe-line from Siberia to West

Spanish oil processing

Spain's oil refineries received 49.3 million tons of crude oil in 1980, up 2.3 per cent from the previous year. Of the total 96.9 per cent came from abroad and only 1.5 million tons were produced in Spain.

Jack-up rig venture

The Guangdong Shipyard Corporation, through Wah Chang, its Singapore partner, has been negotiating with wes-tern companies to build at least four jack-up rigs under licence in China before 1982.

Japan banks' income

A Japanese finance ministry survey shows that the net income of 13 leading banks for the six months ending March 31 will decline by more than 10 per cent on average from the preceding six months.

Engineering output fall Production in the West German mechanical engineering industry will fall by 14 per cent in 1981, Herr Tyll Necker, president of VDMA, the indus-

Canada trade surplus

services and has committed itself to spending at least
1500.000 a year over the next
three years to promote teletext
and viewdata systems.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister
for Information Technology,
has written to the heads of leading companies in each sector of
the industry asking them for
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The basis of the plan is a
projected doubling in the rate
of growth over the next three
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could be created. Canada's trade surplus rose to CS681m (£252m in January from an upwards revised C5670m surplus in December and compared with a C5309 surplus in January last year.

Vehicle registrations

Japanese new vehicle regi-strations in February fell for the eleventh consecutive month to 300,681, down 10 per cent from 333,825 a year earlier.

Employers' groups feel the pinch

Employers' associations are being forced to slim down and restructure their activities, in some cases by imposing redun-dancies, as the recession robs them of members and revenue.

At the same time, many are finding that the demands placed on their services have grown, as member companies seek a respite from adverse trading conditions and an effective mouthpiece to express

their industry's ills.

"Ironically, companies are finding that they need us most at the very time when they feel they are least able to afford us", one harassed director general explained. one harassed director general explained.
Until recently, employers' associations
and the confederation "umbrella" groups and the conteneration "umbrella" groups had put a brave face on their own predicament. Economies have generally been achieved painlessly through natural wastage and leaving vacancies unfilled. However, there are now signs that associations will be forced into more painful courses of action, as hard-pressed member companies in turn seek to save

member companies in turn seek to save cash by cancelling subscriptions. Last week the Chemical Industries Association, the sixth largest employers' group in terms of income, announced that it was making 30 staff redundant immediately out of a total establishment of about 100.

Cuts are being made at all levels from director downwards.

Some action along these lines was inevitable, given the current state of business: we could not expect to avoid sharing the problems being suffered by

By Edward Townsend

ture will total £787m.

BL will have to raise a fur-ther £33m in the next two years,

much of it from private sources

to supplement the £990m of taxpayers' money that is to be injected into the loss-making

Restructuring the BL operations, including overseas activities, which largely means financing more job cuts, will cost £236m and capital expendi-

The company's 1980 financial

results, to be announced at the end of the month, will show a loss of abour £400m compared with £122m last year. With

more losses forecast by the com-pany this year and in 1982, it is clear that there will be little

in the way of retained earnings to finance the additional £33m

required.
Giving evidence to a Com-

The Independent Broadcast-

Trident submitted proposals

to meet the IBA's demands last

week, but a meeting of the IBA earlier this week failed to endorse them. Both parties refused to comment on the issue yesterday, though the IBA said that a statement would be increased.

issued some time next week,

Announcing its franchise decisions in December, the IBA

end of February to submit firm

proposals splitting Yorkshire

and Tyne Tees, and that if

agreement could not be reached between the two parties it would consider afresh the offer

The IBA had demanded that Yorkshire and Type Tees be no longer controlled by Trident and that the two areas should be owned and managed

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor Deliveries of video recorders to the retail trade rose 164 per

cent last year over 1979 levels,

and consumer demand was run-

ning ahead of this increase.

sales having quadrupled in 1980 compared with the previous

Last year's deliveries-all im-

ported into Britain—numbered 254,200, which means nearly 400,000 recorders are now in

The extent of the video boom.

expected to grow at least at the same pace this year, emerged from the latest quarterly survey by the British Radio and Elec-

tronic Equipment Manufac-turers' Association (Brema).

Although most users of video recorders appear to be employing them to record television programmes, there is an in-

creasing sale for pre-recorded

tapes covering a wide range of material from new popular films—at around £30 a tape—to

By Peter Hill
The Government has endorsed plans to stimulate sales of computerized public information services and has committed in spending at least

and for support in working to

use in Britain.

Video recorder sales

quadrupled last year

films—at around £30 a tape—to sizes where imports volume rose those catering for specialist interests like sport, do-it-your-self and children's programmes.

Videodisc machines, with sizes where imports volume rose those catering for specialist share of the monochrome marself and children's programmes. ket dropped to 35 per cent from 1979's 52 per cent.

the world.

secure its objectives.

The plan has emerged from between Government and in-

of the two contracts.

BL will have to raise £33m in

ment support for a full two-year period, both in the company's

dealings with banks and for dealer confidence. Dealer defec-

tions in Britain and Europe had

of capital investment will be con in the cars division, a quarter 198 in trucks and buses, an eighth fig in Land-Rover and the rest in at.

now been halted. Half of the proposed £787m

other parts of the group. Two-thirds of the £236m will be spent on restructuring the cars

BL yesterday clarified com-

ments made by Sir Michael at the committee hearing about future job losses. He said that

manpower cuts "could be of the order of 1,000 a mouth for the next two years" and that by the end of 1982 the company

could be employing just over Giving evidence to a Commons select committee on Wednesday, Sir Michael Edwardes, the chairman, stressed the commons select committee on Wednesday, Sir Michael Edwardes, the chairman, stressed the commons select committee on Wednesday, Sir Michael Edwardes, would then be resumed but by a third. Staff cuts have also increases in productivity pre-

Mr Austin Mitchell : consortium

two areas, including those who

had supported unsuccessful rival consortiums.

the video boom even further.

1980 deliveries—5 per cent more than the previous year— and British manufacturers in-creased their share of this

sector from 24 per cent in 1979

to 36 per cent last year.

British makers retained their

76 per cent share of the total

colour market. Retail sales of

colour television sets were re-ported up 10 per cent, suggest-ing some destocking on 1979 levels.

But imports have hit British

manufacturers in the mono-chrome sector where sales growth has been in small screen

based on a conference held

Trident's proposals, which should be owned and managed arrivent's proposals, which is a proposals, which separately. Opportunities for are now likely to be the substance said. Basically we are still shareholdings were to be jett of discussion between the there, prepared to take over opened to people living in the IBA and the company, have

still willing to take 'over.

addition to £990m state aid

operations.

IBA fails to agree terms on

Trident Television break-up

our member companies", Mr Martin Trowbridge, the director general, said. Although companies like ICI and BP Chemicals have been forced to make sub-stantial cuts in their workforce, the longterm problems of the chemicals industry are small compared to those faced by textiles and clothing.

textiles and clothing.

Here too employers' associations are being forced to cut back. The Manchesterbased British Textiles Employers Association is reducing its staff by half, and will not be seeking a replacement for Mr Bob Lloyd-Jones, the director general, who takes up a new post with the Retail Consortium in May.

Last year, the industry shed 27,000 jobs and saw the closure of 100 mills. In 1980, the industry wage bill, upon which the 1981 levy revenue depends, fell by 30 per cent. Company membership dropped from 256 to 220, largely through cessation of trading.

The clothing industry representative body is also cutting its coat according to its members' cloth. Six separate associations tions, representing the apparel, clothing, corsetry, tie, overall and shirt makers, have come together to form the British Clothing Industry Association.

They were prompted partly by the need to strengthen the industry's voice, and increasingly by the need to save money by reducing duplication of services. The will cease to exist at the end of this

Amalgamation is being discussed in

In a statement issued later

to all BL employees, the com-pany said that while jobs had been lost at the rate of 1,000

a month for the last three years
"it would be wrong to draw
conclusions from this for
1981-82 as no final manning

figures have yet been arrived

would anyway need to be dis-cussed at the appropriate time

with grade union represen-

the BL labour by well over 5,000 this year have already

been announced by the com-pany. The closure of the

Senette plant in Belgium will account for 2,200, and about 800 jobs will be lost at the

tentious issue which was expec-

ted to delay agreement was the

selling of airtime for Yorkshire and Tyne Tees, which is

The IBA said that it was

willing to consider the con-

tinuation of the selling agree-

ment by the new separate com-

panies on the grounds that both might not be viable if advertising was sold separately.

Yorkshire's only rival for the franchise was Television York-

shire, a consortium formed by staff who were unhappy with industrial relations within the

present company,
Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour

MP for Grimsby, and a former Yorkshire journalist who is

a founder of the Television Yorkshire bid, said last night that if the present company

failed to agree the terms of its

franchise, the consortium was still able and willing to take

over the franchise if necessary.
"I think it is important that

a decision should not be taken

hastily on the modifications which Trident wants to the IBA's proposals," Mr Mitchell said. "Basically we are still these proposed to take over

Measures that will reduce

"Any reductions planned

It has already happened for the Leather-cloth and Coated Fabrics Manufacturers' Association, which at the beginning of the year merged with the British Plastics

No large association has wholly escaped the need to make economies. The National Farmers' Union, the largest, with more than 125,000 members, has lost some jobs through natural wastage. Total workforce remains more than 400, with about half based in the regions and many working last time.

The Engineering Employers' Federa-tion cut 21 jobs through natural wastage during 1980 and made one senior executive redundant. The policy now is to have "fewer staff but of higher calibre". Membership fell in 1980 from a record 6,700 establishments in 1979 to 6,500. About 100 of the resignations were caused by BL and Phillips wishing to extricate some of their plants from national engineering pay bar-

The National Federation of Building Trades Employers achieved a savings in costs of about 5 per cent last year, equivalent to £160,000, and it is looking for similar savings this year. Compulsory redun-dancies are not envisaged. There was a small increase in membership last year, but overall numbers have declined in the past few years. Membership now stands at about 11,800.

. John Huxley

All steamed up about nuclear' importance of winning govern- cludede a return to previous

difficult to exploit economically by more conventional means.

providing ise; Taylor Woodrow experi-ence in civil engineering, and Foster Wheeler UK skill in

energy

British nuclear technology may soon be used by the Vene-zuelans as a method of creating steam to extract oil from sand deposits, which have proved

A team of top British nuclear power and construction engineeds from GEC, Foster Wheeler UK and Taylor Woodrow Construction has just returned from Venezuela, en-couraged that their technology could be used to extract the heavy oil from the sands of the

Faja region.
The biruminous sand can contain up to 20 per cent of hydro-carbons. Estimates of the size of such biruminous sand and shale deposits worldwide vary from 40,000 million to 700,000 million tons. Oil sands are found in abundance in Canada, Venezuela and Jordan.

technology interests the Venezuelans is the result of building the Magnox reactors which have been generating electricity commercially in Britain since the early 1960s. Eight such reactors are owned and operated by the Central Electricity Generating Board, representing about 6 per cent of the board's generating plant.
Eut the Venezuelans are

interested in using the reactors as a source of high pressure steam to extract oil from the sands. A typical reactor is able to create 1 million kilograms of steam per hour at a pressure of 2,580 pounds per square inch and at a temperature of about 350 degrees Centigrade. Such a reactor will produce

But all involved in the pro ject stress that discussions are only exploratory at this stage.
The initiative came from the
Venezuelans, who invited
British assets British experts

1,000 million watts of thermal

seminar, GEC is mechanical engineering expert designing heat exchangers.

technique of extracting oil could prove lucrative, even in

Bill Johnstone and

Ed Baumann

UK microcomputers get state approval

By Bill Johnstone Nine microcomputer manufac-

their own software, are due on the British market later this year and are expected to boost Colour television deliverics were up 2 per cent last year compared with 1979, despite the large screen market being only recommended for government departments to purchase by the British Government's Central Computer and Telecommunicaa replacement one. Growth has The recommendation is a rebeen in small screen sets which accounted for a quarter of the

suppliers which operate in the British market Those selected are within

three cost bands: up to £2,500, between £2,500 and £6,000, and between £6,000 and £15,000.

Manufacturers and their models are in the bottom range, Research Machines with its mooels are in the bottom range, Research Machines, with its 380z; Microsense Computers, with the Apple 11; Commodore Business Machines, with its Superpet. In the middle range, Castl Electronics with its Super-Casu Electronics, with its Super C; Modata and its DSC3; and Thames Systems MCZ/05. Thetop range is BMG Microsystems, MS5020; Equinox Computer Systems, Series 200; and Wilkes Computing, with the General Robotics 11/23.

The government agency,

aggressive and immediate pro-motion of teletext in the con-

sumer market place, along with Prestel's carefully targeted mar-

keting programme at the business community, will be the best way to accelerate the arrival of mass-market viewdata as well

as consolidate the growth of as consolidate the growth of teletext.

BBC and ITV launched Cee-fax and Oracle, the broad-casting versions of teletext, four

years ago, and viewdata, the more complex version which

further discussions of a steer- dustry stated: "The active,

advice to state departments or computer purchase, has intro turers, three of them British, computer purchase, has intro-have had some of their products duced new terms into the ussessment.

Contracts will last for 18 months, after which new hard-ware introduced on the market will be assessed. The Government's decision

sult of assessments made on the reflects not only the increasing products of about 180 of the 250 interest in the use of microsuppliers which operate in the computers, but also the fact that the decreasing cost of hardware makes it inefficient for individual departments to engage in their own technical assessments.

Manufacturers selected have not been guaranteed a minimum number of orders.

The choice by the CCTA of these particular models has been based, among other criteria, on the ability of departments to exchange software programmes among the majority of the range. Contracts placed with the

nine will provide government departments with a package of discount prices, quicker deli-veries, and support/maintenance of the hardware throughout the

£1.5m in government backing for viewdata and teletext adapted television sets has been available in the Prestel system from British Telecom in some The action plan foresees manufacturers' annual sales of sets and adaptors for both systems rising to 1.24 million in 1983, compared with 87,000 last year, while over the same period cumulative registrations. cumulative registrations for Prestel should rise to 209,000 from 7,500 registered users last

The Government regards both systems as being crucial to the United Kingdom's future prosallows access to computers by United linking the telephone line to perity,

joint team, and was followed by the construction of the small demonstration reactor (NPD) at Outario Hydro's Rolphton generating station 20 miles or makes in the first part of leater to the construction of the small nuclear power (February 2 We do not wish to comment the economic case which makes in the first part of leater to the leate From Professor John Walker Sir, Mr S. A. Ghalib has written interestingly (February 23) about the need for close links between design and construcso from AECL's plant at Chalk tion in the nuclear power in-dustry and about the pitfalls in the transfer of design in-River; NPD has been used extensively as a training ground for Hydro staff. The subsequent formation from a research movement of the AECL enginearing group from Chalk River to Toronto must have streng-He quotes a number of countries including the United States and Canada where he thened the association with Ontario Hydro's headquarters says the problems have been avoided by entrusting the design of new reactors to companies that would eventually and helped the development and construction of the full-scale

organization to an industrial

certainly the case in the United

single pressure vessel (as in PWR) came from the early

charges for gas

charge on his gas bill has risen 170 per cent since last April. So was I, because it is a very misleading thing to say. Had Mr Mackenzie examined his bill more closely he would also have been able to tell your readers that there has been no

ocrease at all in the charge for

the first 52 therms each quarter. Part of this charge is

duarter. Part of this charge is intended to help cover the fixed costs involved in supplying gas no matter how little is actually used—the supply to the house, for example, the meter, billing, etc. His contribution to those costs has in

fact increased by 22 per cent since April 1980.

Without a standing cuarge the price per therm would have to be higher. Customers with gas heating would then be subsidizing people who use little or no gas but wish to have

a gas supply. This is why British Gas has introduced a small

iss has introduced a such standing charge for prepay-ment customers in the latest tariff changes, something to be kept in mind when considering

Mr Meyrick's advice to switch

to slot meters (letters, February 23).

Sir, I have recently had to pur-chase Cmnd 8179 The Future of

building control in England and

Wales price £2.10. It is approxi-

mately 16 pages of simple print-ing. Is there any and, if so what

trol of Her Majesty's Stationery

Office charges? It is right for March

Stationery Office prices

Without a standing charge

Increase in standing

Sir, I expect your readers were to help but Mr Mackenzie's astonished to learn from Mr emotive language cannot dis-

nuclear power stations at Pickering and elsewhere. One cannot help feeling first that replication of design, which speeds the building of later stations, is more likely to come from this approach than from States, with private companies such as Westinghouse and General Electric involved. The Canadian approach has been different but equally effective is dominant, and second that Candu's performance should be in that it lead to the success-ful Candu system which re-ceived such strong support recently from Lord Bowden viewed as a tribute to the scene in which it has been set, as well as to the reactor itself.
Yours faithfully,
JOHN WALKER,

(February 3).
An important Canadian feature has been the very close Professor of Applied Nuclear link from the outset between Science, Department of Physics, the Crown company responsible for the design (Atomic Energy of Canada) and the main customer (Ontario Hydro, the electrical utility for the pro-Chancellor's Court, The University of Birmingham, PO Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT. vince of Ontario). If my memory is correct, Cardu's basic engin-eering concept of individual pressure tubes instead of a February 26.

comes in general. Yours faithfully,

Secretary, British Gas Corporation,

From Miss Suzonne Chivers Sir, As the escalation of gas prices is more a matter of policy than a need to make

additional profits, could not British Gas follow a fairly general business policy of allow-

ing consumers a discount, of say

sending out final demands.

Yours faithfully

121 North Side.

could follow the same course.

Government to challenge infla-

tion, but this level of charges

seems to be little short of an

Rivermill House, 152 Grosvenor Road, London, SW1V 3JL.

GORDON MAY

February 27.

From Professors R. P. Pearce and R. S. Scorer Sir, Professor Fremlin has pro-

T. I. Raleigh monopoly

Yours faithfully,

London, SW7.

letter to you, but are concern

that your readers should not misled by the statements makes concerning the effects

fossil fuel power stations

He states that as a result

an increase in carbon dioxi

in the atmosphere "each ye a little less of the energy

receive from the sun is radiated into space". There no observational evidence the this is the case. The effects

an increasing atmospheric of

plex, and it is not firm established whether, on balan-this will lead to a slight war

ing, a slight cooling, or have

Quite contrary to what Pi fessor Fremlin implies in h

letter, the 15 per cent increasin CO, content which has tak

place over the past 100 year has not led to any measural

change in the climate on the

distinguished from the natur

variability of the atmosphere.

R. P. PEARCE, Department of Meteorology, University of Reading;

R. S. SCORER. Department of Mathematics, Imperial College,

the weather.

effect at all.

reference From the Secretary of the Gas price rises can cause British Gas Corporation problems and we do all we can From Mr Laurence Bloch Sir, I was most disturbed read the article by Mr Day Hewson concerning T Raleigh's referral to the Mon polies and Mergers Commision. Is it not about time the Office of Fair Trading start. lan Mackenzie (letters, Feb-guise the fact that since the ruary 13) that the standing 1960s gas prices have risen charge on his gas bill has risen much less than prices and in-Office of Fair Trading took i head out the clouds? If Raleig was forced to supply such gian retail outlets as Argos, th result would be disastrous or only for recognized cycle ou lets but also for the publi Woolworths, who were mentioned in the article, alread sell a range of bicycles of price, but without proper after sales servicing facilities, wh the result that cycle dealer such as myself are plague with repairs of these cycle which are not manufactured t British specifications, so that many cases, they are irrepa

10 per cent, for prompt pay-ment of bills. Such large chains as Arge are only interested in bicycle The discount could be deducted from the next statement. while the going is compar-tively good. If once bicycl sales fell away, they would soo stop buying. The result of thi would be that the public woul And it would do away with all the paper work and postage of Ideally, the electricity boards and the telecommunications have suffered a decline in service, small dealers would hav gone to the wall and Releigl would be ruined.

Bicycle retailing requires a special combination of skill and service, which the large multiples would not be able to pro-vide. Such firms must not be allowed to ruin the cycle trade as they have in many other

cases.
It is a sad day when con panies cannot choose to dea with whom they wish. I am, Sir, your humble an obedient servant, LAURENCE BLOCH,

Sales Manager, Malley's Cycle & Pram Storc. 57-61 Graham's Road, Falkirk, FK2 7DJ.

envelopes have contributed an

Value-added taxation anomalies

outrage.

Yours faithfully,

R. H. McCALL, The Hospice, St Giles Hill,

Winchester.

From Mr M. N. McLean Sir, Assuming Mr H. Berger (letters, February 26) is seriously querying the justification for his firm to recover VAT on envelopes (his example) while he cannot, perhaps he might ponder for a moment on a system where everyone paying VAT could then recover it in full. He might then reasonably complain about the enormous

cost of operating a tax system to produce nil revenue.

Mr Berger's firm presumably operates on the profits arising from the sale of goods and/or services on which the appropriate VAT is levied. The envelopes in question are consumed during the operation of their business and any recovered VAT in effect reappears at the end of this operation in their charge to customers. As a private individual Mr

Berger has no end product or service to sell to which his

which would generate VA revenue. Until such time as h has he must share the VA burden with other "end-point consumers such as myself. Yours faithfully, M. N. McLEAN, Greenways, Burfield Road, Chorleywood, Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 5NS. February 26.

The workings of ACT

From Mr Brian Lever Sir, Anent Ms Gleeson's com-prehensive article ("Com-

prehensive article ("Com-panies slip into the poverty trap", March 4) it may be helpful to readers in any further consideration of what—if anything—might be done to mitigate the incidence of advance
corporation tax (ACT) to be
corporation tax (ACT) to be
reminded of the pedigree and
that dividends paid out
of taxed profits are not taxable
again in the hands of the share. nature of that animal.

It is first and foremost collection at source of the share-holder's liability to basic rate tax on his dividend. If, for some reason, he has no liability the tax can be reclaimed from the Revenue.
It has always been a basic

concept of our tax system that dividends paid out of company profits which have borne tax shall not be taxed again in the shareholder's hands (except for surtax, higher rates, investment income surcharge). This while honouring the hallowed basic concept, the is what applies under the present system and also what applied under the old system when companies paid income tax instead of corporation tax. Under the old system a shareholder could likewise claim re-payment where no liability existed

Now it so happens that companies can pay dividends even though for a variety of reasons—losses, capital allowances, stock relief—they pay no tax on their profits. Under the old system it was nevertheless assumed that the profits out of which the dividend was paid had suffered tax, and the Revenue would make repayment means that the programment means assumed that the profits out of which the dividend was paid enue would make repayment to a shareholder on a claim being made. This was of small con-sequence until certain people caught on to the possibilities and the Revenue found itself "repaying" millions in tax it had never collected.

The remedy was ACT. Now, when a company pays a dividend, it collects and hands over to the Revenue the shareholder's liability to tax on that dividend. If the company again in the hands of the shareholder. If, for some reason, the

Revenue. To meet, in part, the case where a dividend is paid out of past profits, ACT can be set against the company's tax liabilities for the previous two years. For some inexplicably

profits do not suffer tax the dividend tax is retained by the

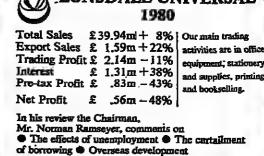
Revenue is nevertheless assure that any tax it may refund to garbered into its coffers.

The rate at which a company pays ACT is, of course, the basic rate of income tax for the

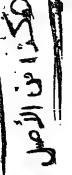
To summarize: ACT is not tax on companies; it is collec tion at source (another hallower concept) of the shareholder's liability to basic rate tax on his dividend. If a company did not have to pay ACT to the Revenue it would have to pay a similar amount to its shareholders. It is part and parcel of the dividend I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, BRIAN LEVER, 89 Castle Avenue,

March 4.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Barclays slows **overseas**

to full year figures from the clearing banks m we springing fewer surprises on the inalysts than at the interim stage when harply higher had debt provisions and the hanging deposit mix away from cheaper prent account money upset the rosier

Given its increased exposure to British anufacturing industry Midland could still n oset the apple cart but for the time being tarclays, the third of the clearers to report, as turned in results mid-way between lovds and Nat West.

ile After the better than expected first-half ain of 13 per cent, pretax profits slipped 4 per cent to £244.4m in the second-, alf against 4 per cent at Lloyds and 18 per ent at Nat West to leave full-year profits lightly down at £523.5m.

Upsetting calculations has been the dull erformance of Barclays Bank International articularly when compared with the more novant overseas contributions at Nat West nd Lloyds. Up by a quarter in the first six ouths, BBI's pretax profits in the second x months slipped marginally to leave the year up from £137.7m to £159.5m.

With the South African subsidiary counting for some £9m of this £22m gin, it seems clear that the group's arounding United States operations have aid a lacklustre time although adverse

schange rates depressed profits
Otherwise the domestic side has been hit y the same factors as at the other clearers ith lower interest margins, sharply igher specific provisions and the rise in nterest-bearing deposits contributing to an 1 per cent drop to £290.5m in the parent ank's pre-interest contribution. Indeed, arclays seems to be taking a more nervous tand towards bad debts with the overall harge to the profit and loss account rising rom E55m to £130.3m concentrated mainly specific provisions in the parent bank, daising important questions for shareviolders and depositors that their money bould be being used to fund increasingly isky lending to United Kingdom industry. Historical profits for the clearers are nevitably on the way down but if inflation bates the monetary working capital adjustnents could well result in higher current ost profits this year. At the moment ncrease on the enlarged capital is par for he course, is covered nearly three times w CCA profits and the free capital ratio of 4 leaves scope for balance sheet expanion, although the 61 per cent yield at 406p effects its premium rating in the sector.

The full balance of payments figures for " 980 put the net outflow on capital account u £1,221m, compared with an inflow of 982m (before a positive balancing item of 2.358m) in 1979. A feature of this turn-ound was the increase in United Kingdom , wrifolio investment overseas from £888m

Although a good part of this occurred in the second half of the year, it must be assumed that there must still be plenty of money that will cut and run in the event of a substantial United Kingdom interest rate reduction. While that may have a direct contractionary impact on the money supply. it is unlikely to make life any easier for the monetary authorities or investors at the * longer end of the gilt-edged market.

Davy Corp

Potential remains 'excellent'

To read Davy Corporation's interim state-ment one would never guess that it is under assault from the United States Enserch Corp, the bid having been referred to the Monopolies Commission earlier this week.

There is no mention of either fact. Profits, though, are much better than expected and are up by a third so far to just over £6m on slightly reduced turn-

The group's potential, says Davy looking over its shoulder perhaps, remains excellent, and the balance sheet remains

A point of course is that is all looks defensive—and reasonably so—but it is worth remembering that in normal circumstances plant contractors like Davy, who are by their nature involved in long-term work, would be anxious to point out that interim figures are often misleading and

should not necessarily be taken as an indication of the outcome for the year. However, despite the recession. Davy has indicated better profits and the interim dividend is held. All of which—along with the possibility that the Monopolies Commission might allow an Enserch bid-helped the shares up by 4p to 152p.

Euro Ferries Sealink

Nothing ventured...

Much secpticism greeted last December's unnouncement from European Ferries that it wanted to bid for Sealink.

It is no surprise then that the proposal has been referred to the Monopolies Commission given the marker muscle a merger would create but European Ferries can be more than satisfied the proposed merger of



Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade his third important Monopolies' referance.

the two ailing hovercraft companies, Hoverlloyd and Eritish Rail's Seaspeed has also been referred.

European Ferries, whose profits from shipping probably more than halved last year from 1979's to £16.6m, would obviously ike to buy Sealink to form a potentially highly profitable business with an almost

unassallable market position.
But failing this the last thing European Ferries wants is the two bovercraft companies put together in a revamped form It is now awkward for the Monopolies Commission or the Government to justify the hovercraft merger but then say no to European Ferries. There is also thought to

be some sympathy in the Government with the idea of allowing Mr Wickenden, who is after all a Tory MP and fervent free-marketer, to take over Sealink, especially as such a deal would be likely to raise more

than a share placing. Either way Mr John Biffen, the Trade Secretary, may have a difficult choice with the outcome of his third important reference to the Commission recently

The Commons' Treasury and Civil Service Committee (much helped by its band of academic advisers) has accomplished a in producing its weighty dossier on monetary policy in the United Kingdom. Nor is the report any the less important for the fact that it states the obvious, namely that the objectives set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy were over-optimistic and that greater flexibility of approach would be wiser in future. The Committee's investigation has been a thorn in the side of Treasury ministers and that,

by and large, is no bad thing. Where the committee refuse to be drawn collectively is on what might have been the outcome had the government pursued a

true monetarist policy
Obviously there are individual views on
what might have happened, and they vary considerably. All that, however, is an area of speculation. What the report says, in of speculation. What the report says, in effect, is that anything approaching a classical monetary policy cannot work in the United Kingdom given the imperfections and limitations of the market clearing mechanism. But while that situation cries out for a degree of fiscal and monetary flexibility, it clearly cannot be taken as an excuse for laxity. The question, once again, is whether monetarism alone is enough.

Mutual funds and the upheaval in American banking

are, he says, "particularly damaging to small rural-oriented financial institutions".

Money market murual funds (kinds of unit trusts which The funds are not subject to specialize in investment in money market instruments) barely existed in America a couple of years ago; but now the volume of cash managed by them will soon reach \$100,000m. Brokerage houses and investment management institutions are becoming the big deposit satherers in America and the banks are being left out in the

The funds have grown so rapidly in size because they can offer a market-related rate of interest on deposits, while the arcane American banking laws severely limit the interest which the banks can pay. Mr William Donoghue, the

Washington

foremost analyst of money funds, puts it pithily: Traditional savings accounts can be hazardous to your wealth," he writes. "Even the banks are admitting it. With double-digit inflation fuelling the interest rate roller-coaster, letting your cash sit in an ordinary savings account is like buying tickets on the Titanic".

For investors the funds are a hedge against inflation; for the fund managers the key to

a new prosperity; for the banks they are a nightmare; and for bank regulators, and indeed for the controllers of the money supply, a headache. In Utah, Georgia and other states the legislatures are now considering Bills to restrict the funds and thereby protect their local banks. In Washington,

too, congressmen are promoting Bills to curb the funds. Representative Jim Leach of Jowa, for example, argues that they add to inflation and they add to instation and should be controlled by the Federal Reserve Board. They to selected investors, say large securities and other instruments.

fynamics and systems. In the

In an address to the engineering sciences division of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers earlier this week Mr

Brian Botting, a director of

British Aerospace, outlined the

advance in civil aviation in the

He related these to the

market for short-haul and medium-haul airliners in particular, where, even assuming a decreasing rate of growth in world passenger traffic (to between 10 and 5 per cent a very) large numbers of new

year), large numbers of new aircraft would be needed by the airlines between now and 1998. For the aircraft manufac-

turer, the six main areas of new

Frank Vogl

ceilings on interest rate payonts, while the banks are. They pension funds or trade union can gather deposits across the country, while banks are allowed branches in only 2 members. The funds are regulared by the Securities and Commission. Exchange Commission Shareholders can usually withdraw their deposits almost single state. Not only are the funds changing the money management habits of large numbers of Americans, with the number of fund shareholders.

instantly. The funds charge no commission to shareholders and, unencombered by the ders now in excess of five million, but they are serving as a major stimulus to what restrictions which surround the banks, they have been proving enormously attractive to small could well be the greatest banking reforms in the United In 1974 the total volume of States in half a century.

Most money market mutual cash managed by the funds was \$1,700m, which had risen by the

funds are set up as independent end of 1978 to \$10,700m. Then companies investing in short-term money market instruments interest rates began to soar and the funds took off. By the end of 1979 they were and paying out all their earnexcept for expenses, to managing \$45,100m and 12 months later the total was \$74,500m. In the last few their shareholders, Normally, they contract with a seperate entity the investment adviser, who manages the fund and earns roughly a half of 1 per cent of total fund assets. months it has grown another

As the size of the funds has grown, so have feers about their liquidity and their ability to There is no front-end com-mission loading when a share-holder joins a fund and interest er huge redemption demands if interest rates plummer. The is compounded daily. To make the funds attractive many funds have responded to this by cutting the average maturity managers offer shareholders the opportunity to write of fund partialies to less than 20 days. It was 48 days in 1979 and 64 days in 1973. By and large the money marcheques against their deposits in the funds in much the same

way as cheques can be written against a bank account. The ket funds are prudently man-ated. Roughly a taird of the cash is invested in commercial paper, with about a quarter in bank certificares of denosit and about a sixth in bankers' accepminimum deposit can be \$1,000, or even less in some cases.

Some funds are organized by mutual fund companies, such as the New York Dreyfus tances and repurchase agree-ments. Less than a tenth of the funds is invested in Euro-dollar certificates of deposit Group, while others are run by

holders last year was 12 per cent; today it is about 17 per cent. In contrast the banks can pay only 5 to 55 per cent on deposits that can be instantly

withdrawn without penalty. To stem the outflow of cash the money market funds the banks have increased their advertising and are offering some new services and high Fielding six-month certificates of deposit

The small banks, particularly the savings and loan institutions (the American equivalent of building societies) have been the hardest hit. But even the big banks see the developme of these funds as a formidable

For many brokerage houses

the funds have opened the door into areas of money management which used to be the exclusive preserve of the banks. For example, many companies, big and small, are now using the funds for cash-flow management and the funds frequently offer better yields than the banks on certificates of deposit. The 30-day average materity of the funds means that their average yield fulls that their average yield fulls more slowly that does the yield on a bank certificate of deposit

when money rates are declining.
Short-term United States
rates have been failing since
the start of this year and, as
they have done so, so more and more cash has gone into the funds from institutions, Brokers have been using the funds to gather deposits in the

hove that in time shareholders will be interested in moving some of their cash from the money market funds into securi-

The average yield to share services, offering real estate olders last year was 12 per investment and brokerage along with every other type of invest-ment; the ability to offer instant cash deposits and cheque writing is a vital element in

this. The brokerage houses have no geographical restrictions on where they can do business across the country and the big houses have branches in every state in America. In the age of instant communication and easy long-distance travel the limitations of the retail business of the banks to single states seems

The pressures on Washington to start romoving barriers to national banking are therefore growing. Mr John Heimann, the Comptroller of the Currency, seems to be in favour of national banking and has been subtly using his powers to this end. State bank superintendents see him going too far and fear that they may be put out of business. Mr. Heimann was recently sued by the state bank supervisors over this issue of national banking—an instance of the pressures in the United States financial system today.

The Federal Reserve Board will soon have to come to some decision about the funds. Their activities complicate the gathering of information about the money supply and there is no means or present of setting reserve requirements for the funds and bringing them fully

into the central bank's sphere.
Mounting congressional pressure on the Fed may force it to act. But it is reductant to the big brokerage houses like the funds is invested in Eurothe money and the funds is invested in Eurothe funds into securiand that they will not easily
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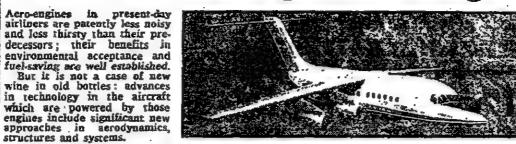
Technology

Flights of ingenuity...

turbines driving a rear propeller—is the most daring.

Its airframe is made entirely of carbon fibre. (Of those air-

craft whose structures are not



The British Aerospace 146: illustrating new concepts in aerodynamics and production techniques.

In Europe, Britain's British Aerospace 146 and Airbus Industries' A310 Airbus, both now under development, illus-trate new concepts in aero-United States (though with Northern Ireland connexions) the small Lear Fan 2100 could be the precursor of larger civil machines built of carbon-fibre.

distances, "Active controls" is the phrase used to describe the addition of automatic contri of aerodynamic surfaces (eg. allerons), so that abnormal flight loads can be eased and

be augmented. This enables the weight of the structure to be reduced, the wingspan to be increased or the rail area to be reduced, in

In structures, significant weight savings are becoming possible through the adoption of advanced

technology are aerodynamics, active controls, structures, systems, the flight deck and production. In aerodynamics, refined wing designs include those of the A310 version of the carbon hore composites can give typical weight savings of abour 30 per cent.

On the existing A300 version of the Airbus, small parts of the aircraft have been made of carbon fibre and incorporated



wings are more difficult to aircraft powered by two gas manufacture.

Wing flaps and other devices can raise the "lifting power" of the aircraft, expressed in terms of the maximum lift coefficient, or the ratio of the lift of the aircraft to its drag. This in turn gives such benefits as shorter take-off and landing

the stability of the aircraft can

each case raising the flying efficiency of the aircraft.

of advanced composite materails (such as carbon fibre) and, to a lesser extent, through improved light alloys. Carbon fibre composites can

The nomination by Presi-

dent Reagan of Robert Hormats

as Assistant Secretary of State

of the new people appointed to

international economic policy

lobs, such as the trade repre-

fibre aircraft now flying.)
In the systems aboard the aircraft of today-electronics, airconditioning, de-icing, braking, electrics and bydraulics various specialized advances are contributing to better perform-ence, greater reliability and

economy, Digital techniques, and in particular the ubiquitous micro-processor, are giving a higher degree of automation on the flight deck. The A310 airbus will offer a radically new and more flexible presentation of flight information for the pilots, based on cathode ray tube displays in place of conventional instruments.

Fibre optics offer good potenrial for data transmission aboard the aircraft, with re-duced electrical interference known, Flight International aboard the aircraft, with rehas speculated, Lockheed's duced electrical interference experimental military Stealth aircraft, intended to be virtually transparent to radar, is in production that are taking doubtless the largest carbon-

present practice on the BAe 146. "Improved production must begin at the design stage", Mr Botting commented. The main change in overall approach is a determined effort to simplify the structure, using many fewer parts (more of them machined, rather than assem-bled from "bent tin") and simpler connexions.

Thus the airframe advances come together with the im-proved engine efficiencies. The refined wing designs, the new materials, the techniques of active controls and the more precise control provided by the automated systems—taken to-gether with the parallel advances in engine design—can cut fuel consumption by about 25 per cent, compared with that

Kenneth Owen

General Mining Union Corporation (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

AUDITED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

1980

Earnings per share increased by 75% against 1979 pro forma. Dividends per share increased by 50%.

			Pro forma	Actual
Group Income before Taxation	(R inillion)	406.4	217.9	217.9
Group Income after Taxation	(R million)	334.7	180.2	180.2
Attributable earnings	(R million)	269.7	153.1	98.5
per share	(cents)	343	196	235
No. of shares	(million)	78.6	78.3	42
Dividends	(R million)	117.8		41.3
per share	(cents)	150		100
Net Asset Value	(R million)	2,421.1	1,696.7	1,019.6
per share	(cents)	3,035	2,135	2,428
No. of shares	(million)	79.8	79.5	42
				1000

The 1979 pro forma figures show the results for that year adjusted as if the 1980 rights issue and the Union Corporation Scheme of Arrangement (whereby that company became a wholly-owned subsidiary on 26 March, 1980), had both been implemented

During 1980, when the average gold price was \$614 compared with \$309 in 1979. income from gold investments increased by 164 per cent to R116.8 million, whilst income from platinum rose by 148 per cent to R33.5 million and from industries by 62 per cent to R78.3 million.

The prospects for 1981 will be more fully dealt with in the Annual Report which will be issued by the end of March 1981. Under normal conditions and at an average gold price of \$500 the future holds prospects of reasonable growth.

DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a final dividend No. 110 (Coupon No. 113) of 100 cents per share in respect of the year ended 31 December 1980 has been declared payable to members registered at the close of business on 20 March 1981 and to holders of share warrants to bearer

The dividend is declared in the currency of the Republic of South Africa. Payments from the United Kingdom office will be made in United Kingdom currency at the rate of exchange ruling on 7 April 1931, or on the first day thereafter on which a rate of exchange is available. In the case of con-resident shareholders, tax of 15 per cent will be deducted.

Dividend warrants will be posted on or about 15 April 1981.

The full conditions of payment may be inspected at the head office or the offices of the transfer secretaries of the company.

By Order of the Board per pro General Mining Union Corporation (U.K.) Limited Loadon Secretaries.

London Office: 30 Ely Place, London, ECIN SUA. 5 March 1981

London Transfer Secretaries : Hill Samuel Registrars Limited, 6 Greencoat Place,

Copies of the full preliminary announcement may be obtained from the London Office

Business Diary: Bottom dollars • Reagan's Carter su rvivor

Businesspeople booking execulive class (British Airways talls it "club", Pan Am "tlipper" and TWA "ambassador ") on North Atlantic flights seem at last to be getting value for the not inconsiderable money they pay in fares. All three airlines are giving them more room to stretch their less and elbows. When the class was intro-

ge duced, many airlines thought sthat they could get away with Ar putting businessmen in the dis same sort of seats, and with the same number across the airtraft (often as many as ten or pressurer. 11), as the cut-price travellers in the rear economy section.

Promises were made to retain the centre seat of each three empty so that flying executives could spread their papers, but often this ideal was not Neither Barr nor Stone Platt achieved. The result was that chairman Leslie Pincott was the business travellers started available for comment last defect to the cheaper back night.

seats. ince what money is to be made hese days is made from the orth Atlantic business and irsi-class cabins.

TWA has gone over to sixbreast using seats that used be in the first-class cabin all the transatiantic airlines re installing big lounger chairs their first-class section), while Pan Am is going eight-ibreust, with a new chair pecially designed to cradle the

umped executive. go six-abreast, too, with a ew type of seat.



Stone Platt, the troubled textile machinery manufacturer, has turned to ICI for a group He is Ian Barr, 47, who has

been with ICI for 20 years, latterly as a manager in the treasurer's department at ICI's headquarters at Milibank, Londisa, where he specializes in North America and Mexico.

The appointment is seen as part of Pincott's retrenchment ince what many ince where which ince where where which inc plans for Stone Platt. Pincott panies flocked to sign up over himself is a recruit from the Blue Chips, having been until three years ago a managing

> period that has seen the sale profit in 1978 to a £3.9m loss of the pump and propeller divisions to concentrate on the textile and electrical business.

And BA? It is likely, I hear, Barr used to be finance announce next week that it is director of Howard Farrow, a go six-abresst, too, with a builders in which ICI had an ew type of seat.



 Jordans' latest survey of top Scottish companies updated from 1978, will disappoint readers expecting an exciting list of ethnic names.

Top of the profits list are those familiar beasties, Distillers, Burmah Oil, Coats Patons, United Biscuits, for this is a list of the two largest of the president United Kingdom on the companies registered in the control of the two largest of the president united Kingdom on the companies registered in the control of the companies registered in the control of the companies registered in the control of the companies and sixther and the control of the companies registered in the control of the contr Edinburgh, and trading where they will. Future editions may benefit from the Security Macfarlane United Kingdom operations and vice-president European businesses.

Macfarlane benefit from the Scottish company registration bulge of 1979-80, when the Englis registrics went on strike and new com-

The rash of new oil service companies erupting around Aberdeen are mostly still too Pincott became chairman last
November, taking over special
responsibility for group finance
with chief executive Robin
Tayener he is rounding off a
perioden are mostly still too
small to show up in this survey,
though if Star Offshore is any
guide, graduation to the top
500 is no guarantee of success:
Star turned round from a £1.95m

Jordans says the survey indicates a better performance from Scottish industry than British

industry in general. * Scotland's Top 500 Companies 1981, Jordans (£15). the huge Canadian group,



@ Two British executives have been appointed corporate officers of Cummins Engine Co, based in Columbus, Indiana, the world's biggest independent maker of diesel engines.

Macfarlane, a manufacturing man, joined Cummins at its Shorts plant 13 years ago and will be responsible for the plant

there, as well as those at Peterlee and his headquarters, Darlington. Howell, a marketing man, joined Cummins only five years ago but has already served in the United States and Belgium, as well as in the United King-

He will be based at Cum-mins's London HQ and will be responsible for directing and coordinating the Cummins marketing strategy in the United Kingdom and Europe. The biggest maker of diesel engines is Perkins, now part of

Massey Ferguson.

International Economic Affairs will bring sighs of relief at the United Kingdom Treasury, in Brussels and beyond. When a new President takes office all the top Administration officials change and continuity of policy ceases, Many

> sentative, William Brock, of the Treasury's top man, Beryl Sprinkel, are new to inter-national affairs. Hornats, however, is an incredible survivor, and by far the most experienced foreign economic affairs official, which is perhaps why the White House overlooked his service

with ambassadorial rank. Hormats will be in the thick of things in the State Department the United States develops international economic negotiations, a new North-South strategy, grapples with Japanese exports and heads for international economic summits.

under Jimmy Carter. Interly as

special trade representative

I can told that at a recent council meeting in the north of England a councillor suggested that the lake in a muni-cipal park would be improved if it were to be graced by a gondola. Apparently, the mayor said: "Age, that's a good idea. We could get two and breed them in Pets' Corner."

Ross Davies

All quiet as investors await Budget

their remaining positions yes-terday and wait for the Budger before making their next move and activity in the market dropped off sharply.

Dealers spent much of the

time yesterday speculating on the Chancellor's proposals and trying to assess their immedi-ate consequences. Nevertheless, in spite of the reduction in in spite of the reduction in turnover, selling pressure was minimal and leading equities were left to trade in narrow limits. Most ended up all square on the day, This was reflected in the FT Index which, having been 0.4 down at 10 am, railied to register a rise of 0.1 at 1 pm. before closing 3.8 lower at 496.2.

The story was similar in

The story was similar in Government securities where the new tap Treasury 3 per cent 1936 made its debut, encountering only light support and closing unchanged at £693. Elsewhere in longs, prices

opened unchanged on overnight levels holding their own until after hours when falls of 51 were registered. At the shorter enud, early losses of around £1. were extended to around £1 at

the close. The quiet conditions were also clearly mirrored among blue chips where jobbers complained about the lack of in-terest. Distillers led the way down with a 4p fall to 186p. But ben 2p to 46p. Interim figures in spite of one or two nervous from J. Bibby trimmed the

Sales <u>£m</u> —(—) 0.76(1.2)

89.9(88.0) 3.06(2.5) 12.04(12.23)

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Company
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Barclays Bank (F)
Baker Elec (I)
J. Bibby (F)
Bogod Pelepah (I)
Campari (I)
Comben (F)

Family Inv. (F)
Gencor (F)
Thos Jourdan (F)
Kode Int. (F)
Law Debenture (F)

North American drilling funds, a Middle Eastern oil explora-tion fund will be raising just

over £10m in London next month. Mr Kenneth Fellowes,

an oil geologist living in Dubai.

has been waiting for new con-

has been waiting for new con-cessions to open up in the Middle East for four years. Last year he stepped in to mop up what he could for his new company, Emirex. Mr Fellowes owns half of Emirex and investment house

Charterhouse Japhet and stock-broker Carr Sebag have been

set to work to raise further capital and apply for a Rule 163 listing.

European Banking Company,

the London-based consortium bank, owned by the EBIC group

of banks, whose British member

is the Midland Bank, has re-

ported a 26 per cent increase

Shareholders' funds

£9.710 up £0.763m

£0.386m up 38%

Southern African profits

European Banking

ends year 26pc up

offerings all the selling was contained. Glaxo fell 2p to 280p, Fisons 2p to 136p and Lucas Industries 3p to 141p. Thorn EMI fell 4p to 302p on adverse publicity and talk of a bearish broker's circular, which failed to materialize. ICI recovered some of its recent weakness, rising 2p to 252p, along with Metal Box, 4p higher at 184p,

Intriguing times for Reardon Smith. Brokers W. N. Middle-Smith. Brokers W. N. Middle-ton were said yesterday to be trying to place a line of about 100,000 'A' shares on behalf of a client at 175p. News of the deal saw jobbers on the defen-sive and the shares immediately plunged 16p at which point the line was withdrawn. The shares eventually closed 10p lower at 168p.

but GKN dipped another 3p to 141p. Dealers report continued selling of shares in GKN with several hundred thousand changing hands in the last few davs.

Lower profits and a reduced dividend saw Campari Inter-national drop 5p to 46p with Staffordshire Potteries falling 3p to 48p for a similar reason. Disappointing trade news also knocked 4p from Bogod-Pelepah "A" at 15p, while Thomas Jourdan lost 2p to 91p and Com-

Latest results

Law Debenture (F) — (—) 1.5(1.47) 8.47(8.12) 4.75(4.5) 17.4 7.25(6.5) Mitchell Cotts. (I) 159.7(128.7) 3.58(2.9) 1.85(1.74) 0.65(0.65) 11/5 — (-3.61) Rea Brothers (F) — (—) 0.75†(0.6†) — (—) 1.27(—) 14/4 2.0(—) Robinson Bros (F) 11.5(12.14) 0.22(1.4) — (—) — (—) — (—) — — (—) W. N. Sharpe (F) — (—) 5.1(4.4) 37.2(28.9) 4.0(3.5) — 7.0(6.0) Staffs Potts (I) 8.46(7.07) 0.59±(0.3) 10.514.922 — —11.13) — 1.0(1.13) Tayener Rudledge (F) 6.64(6.64) 0.08(0.14) — (—) Nit(Nit) — Nit(Nit) — Nit(Nit) — Nit(Nit) — (—) 2.5(2.5) 6/5 — (—) Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. *Net income. †Net. ‡Loss. §Rand and cents.

in pre-tax profits for 1980. It made £2.77m, as against £2.19m, in 1979. Mr P.-E. Janssen, the

chairman, says in his annual

was achieved without significant expansion of the bank's medium-term lending.

Thomas Jourdan, makers of trouser presses, children's bed-ding to special purpose

machines, made a record 106

per cent increase in pre tax profits to £709,000 in the year

ment of 7.5p gross for the year

Chairman Lionel Robinson reports on the

results to 31st October, 1980

Pre-tax Profit £1.792m up 18%

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the registered office at

Durrant House, 8-13 Chiswell Street, London ECIY 4UL

Sales were also higher at

£6.76m, and the final dividend Rea Brothers

against 6p.

A £1.5m order to supply the Soviet Union with 40 inner tube splicing machines by Mid-

land, the group's engineering ing a transfer to inner reserves. concern, boosted profits in the year turning the loss last time 2.85p on increased capital.

has been lifted by 25 per cent to 5p gross, making a toral pay. gives scrip

Goode Durrant & Murray

Thomas Jourdan

leaps 106 per cent

Emirex to raise £10m in London

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Berisford eased 9p to 163p and Gill & Duffus a similar figure to 168p in sympathy.

Shares 10p to 274p, while S & W 3p to 30p, Amos Hinton 4p to 96p, Renwick 4p to 39p, Roberts Adlard 8p to 103p, Sangers 7p to 62p, Robert Group 15p to 62p, Robert Topocobine Page 40

Results lifted Mitchell Cotts
1p to 49p, Derek Crouch 10p
to 163p, Kode International 8p
to 293p and W. N. Sharpe 25p 268p, in a thin market.

The full-year figures from Barclays Bank proved unin-spiring and the shares held steady at 408p immediately after the announcement. However, they drifted 2p to 406p at the close in line with the rest of the market. Midland held steady at 335p, along with Lloyds at 325p, but National Westminster shed 3p to 365p. Insurance shares also failed

to generate any business followthe figures from General Accident earlier in the week, which closed 2p off at 322p. Commercial Union were 1p easier at 157p, GRE 4p lower at 342p and Royal 8p at 380p. But the weak pound continued to inspire the brokers with C. E. Heath 5p stronger at 228p, Minet Holdings 3p higher at 105p, Willis Faber 10p at 308p and Sedgwick Group 2p at 133p. Leading electricals held rea-

sonably steady while specula-tive attention was focused on several second liners. Diploma rose 5p to 180p. following rec-ent figures, while Currys hardened 8p to 343p. Speculative support lifted M. L. Meyer 3p to 86p, A. Monk

total 18.5(15.4)

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of £28,000 into trading profits Interests

Approval sought for

takeover of Inveresk

Shareholders in Inveresk will be asked at a meeting on

March 30 to approve a scheme of arrangement enabling an agreed £7.1m bid for the group from Georgie-Pacific of the US to go shead. In offer documents detailing the 35p-a-share

bid out yesterday G-P outlines

assurances that Inveresk's activities will continue substan-

The board of merchant bank

tially as at present.

Group Limited

Dividend 15% covered 4.7

UK housebuilding profits

£0.519m up 65%

Adlard 8p to 103p, Sangers 7p to 62p, Roban Group 15p to 140p, East Lancashire Paper 4p to 57p and Malakoff Berhad 11p

Davy Corporation, where the Enserch bid has just been refer-red to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, rose 4p to

Institutional investors appear to he taking a keen interest in shares of property and construction concern Crouch Group, whose shares have risen 6p this week to 156p. Word is that behind the "genuine" buying taking place someone is build-ing up a sizable stake, which might be the prelude to a full scale bid.

152p after figures while Ran-some Simms added another 5p to 161p on the back of recent profits news. But F. Pratt slipped 1p to 113p over the recent sale of Bardsey's 12 per cent to the 600 Group

Equity turnover on March 5 as £155.314m (19,807 barwas 1155.314m (19.80) bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were J. Bibby, Cons Gold, Bardsey, Sangers, WN Sharpe, Reardon Shipping "A" Thorn EMI, De La Rue, Muirhead, Unitech, Davy Corp, Bakers Household, Tomatin Distillers, Doornfoutein, Charter Cons. Home Charm, MAM's. Cons. Home Charm, MAM's, Booker McConnell, Royal Booker McConnell, Royal Insurance, Derek Crouch, Kode International, Willis Faber, Stenbouse, KCA International, Debenhams, S& W Berisford and Stewart Wrightson.

Traded options: A total of 539 contracts were made yester-day. Consolidated Gold attrac-ted 41. Commercial Union 45, ICI 98. Lonrho 32, Lasmo three and GEC seven.

Traditional options: Dealers reported quieter conditions. Calls were made in Camparl International at a rate of 6p, Debenhams et 7p, Double Eagle at 45p and Reardon Smith "A" Puts were arranged in Lucas, Reardon Smith "A" and Arrow Chemicals. Doubles were com-pleted in Reardon Smith "A" at 32p and Double Eagle.

Overseas

uncertainties.

lift Comben

Comben Group, the Eristol based housebuilding concern

pushed up profits last year by 15 per cent but is maintaining its total dividend at 4p gross because of the present economic

Pretax profits rose from £5m

to £5.75m and turnover was

virtually static, going from £51m to £52.5m in the 12 months

to December 31. Overseas earnings increased substantially

during the period, rising from

5336,000 to £1m, with about £700,000 coming from the group's French side and the

United Kingdom earnings be-ore interest charges rose from

crease in interest was £200,000

to £2.6m. Borrowings during the period rose from £8m to £12m

although gearing remained at 50 per cent with increased

Two new sites have been acquired in Houston, Texas, as well as three additional sites in Portugal and France. Comben

hopes to complete 60 houses in

the United States this year, 60 in Portugal against 44 and 70

The UK is expected to

remain steady at about 1,500 units. The group, a 47 per cent associate of Carlton Industries, warns shareholders that the first-half results will not be as

good as the second half, which stands to benefit from any cut

in MLR next week.

The group's land bank also increased with the acquisition of 725 undeveloped plots with

142 under construction, from Wiggins Construct last year for

£6.6m. These sites are in Hamp-shire and East Anglia.

The husband and wife team from the north east, Mr and Mrs Claude Cooper, who an-

nounced a few weeks ago that they would like to bid for

Whitley Bay Entertainments, yesterday increased their stake

They paid 300n a share. Some 77,900 shares were bought directly from shareholders in Whitley Bay, which is on the unlisted securities market, and

the remainder were purchased

A spokesman from the Coopers' stockbrokers, Wise, Speke, said that although they were instructed to buy up to 25 per cent the Coopers' then

decided to consolidate their

Coopers raise

Whitley Bay

stake to 27 pc

to 27 per cent.

in the market.

Allocation of SDP a
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in France compared with 54.

£7.1m to £7.3m, while the

Portuga.

First-half **Potteries**

By Margareta Pagano Falling demand, massive destocking and short-time working saw Staffordshire Potteries fall to a pretax loss of £595,000 in the six months to December. The interim dividend has been

This collapse of profits follows the fall begun last year when profits went from £1.24m in 1979 to £312.000 in June 1980. The final dividend was passed. The interim dividend passed. The interim dividend last time was 1.6p gross. In spite of increased sales of £8.46m, a trading loss of £119,000 was recorded before interest charges which nearly doubled to £476,000.

The losses were made entirely by the dinnerware division, which normally accounts for 50 per cent of sales 30 to 40 per cent of profits. The downturn in orders hit the group last spring and continued through the year. A three to four-day working usely and and decorations. were introduced to rid the division of some film worth of stocks. Full production is now back at 95 per cent of the plants

but destocking is expected to go on until April. The division is now developing a "cook and serve" stoneware range which should be in retailing outlets in four to five weeks. Mr William Bowers, the

chairman, expects that losses will again be recorded in the year to June but believes that the group will be trading profitably in the last few weeks. The group's main priority has been to reduce working capital and this has belped to maintain the cash flow and contain borrowings. Total borrowings, which last year increased from £2.45m to

£5.16m. are now higher by £100,000. The resumption of dividend payments is being given priority and a decision over the final will be taken later in the year. Commemorative ware for the royal wedding will be an additional filip to trade and the group has already two ranges in the sirely and the group has already two ranges.

Taunton Vale, acquired in 1979, has proved profitable

Trading, transport and engi-

neering group Mitchell Cotts reports interim pretax profits to December 31 of £3.58m, up

by a fifth thanks largely to a full six-month contribution from

the South African company Clifford Harris, bought in March, 1980.

Economic problems in Britain and Europe meant lower profits

from these areas, while group

interest costs nearly 29 per cent

higher at £2.77m reduced the

pretax figure. Group sales rose by 24 per cent to £160m. The group's second-half pro-

overall interim increase, since

six mouths of Clifford Harris's

figures were included in the comparable second half of last

year. Possibly with this in mind, the interim dividend has

again been held at 0.94p gross.

South Africa contributes roughly two-thirds of Mitchell

Cotts's profits and last year brought in R7.97m (£4.4m) against R4.91m including

around £1m from Clifford Harris. Trading in South Africa

continues to be reasonably busy. Mr Philip Dunkley, chairman of Mitchell Cotts,

are unlikely to repeat the

By Catherine Gunn

Bibby tops expectations loss at Staffordshire with 11pc rise for year a lesser victim. Mr Le Young, chairman, pointed

By Rosemary Unsworth

An improved performance from edible oils enabled J. Bibby, the Liverpool-based agricultural and industrial group, to boost profits by 11 per cent last year.

Pretax profits rose from E9.7m to £10.8m, slightly above market expectations, while turnover climbed marginally turnover climbed marginally from £188m to £189.9m in the 52 weeks to December 27. The group has also pushed up the final dividend by nearly 16 per cent to 7p gross, which, with the interim increase, gives a total improvement of 14 per cent at 10.2p compared with the pergious year's 8.9n. the previous year's 8.9p.

The share price, which at 284p before the announcement was close to its 12 month high, slipped 10p to 274p after the news, putting the group on a vield of 3.7 per cent.

Edible oils' contribution improved partly because the previous year's results were unduly depressed by the transport strike and because of the development of the group's oil seed crushing process. Produc-tivity was also better and costs have been reduced.

Gencor doubles profit in first full year

By Michael Prest

Mining Correspondent In the first full year since the merger of General Mining and Union Corporation into Gencor, the group earned pretax income of R406m (£233m), approximately double the 1979 outcome. The final dividend is 100 cents, making 150 cents for the year, against 100 cents in the previous year.

Much higher gold prices and better tranium sales were the chief reasons for the sharp increase. The average gold price received was \$614 an ounce, a rise of \$305. The directors say that it is impossible to predict the gold price this year, but

S African contribution

boosts Mitchell Cotts

expect it to vary between 5450

Mr Leslie Young, chairman of

The industrial side was also helped by the purchase of the 60 per cent of Sterilin equity

that was not already owned. This hospital and laboratory

supplies division has been ex-

panded since the acquisition

were partly offset by a lower

trading surplus from paper and

converted products, which suffered from the industry's

But the gains in that division

J. Bibby.

Because of the merger it is difficult to make exact comparisons with the 1979 results. Gencor offers two sets of figures: the actual results achieved by the two companies, and a pro forma statement of what would have happened had

the merger been effective from the beginning of 1979.

Actual profits and dividends in 1979 were R218m and 100 cents respectively. The proforma position would have been R231m and 89 cents. The increase in earnings attributable to shareholders is the biggest change. The 1980 result was R270m, against an actual 1979 figure of R98.5m and a pro forma calculation of R153m.

Briefly

computer manufacturer, reports that Ivory and Sime, of Edinburgh, has acquired on behalf of citems 36.18 per cent of Systime's shares at a price of 56.51m—putting a value on the company of 518m. New investors include an independent investment company which recently obtained a pure-

which recently obtained a quinz-tion as a high-technology invest-ment trust.

Kode rise falls short of forecast

that margins in parts of

operation had suffered altho volume had held up. The ris-

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which contributes nearly thirds of group business, is

and seeds had produced a stantially higher re-although the overall fe-market has shrunk by abou

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responsible for the upt while the group's 90 per the dominance of the rapp s market had benefited it.

Turkeys, however, pro more difficult with French

American birds keeping pr down, but Bibby is develog its processed turkey mar Pig production also had a

successful year despite the of the sausage and day chicks companies last year. Interest charges fell fits 50,000 with 1 sevilors does not fell as the same than the the same

rowings down at 54m aga; about 56m in 1979.

investment

On the agricultural s

By Peter Wilson-Smith The Government's reduced demand for compupertipheral equipment impersors for the following the second half. Preprofits for 1980, although per cent higher at 51.41m, short of the substantial provement the group expecting last August. I shares firmed 3p to 293p at the results. The final divide has been maintained, lean reduced demand for compu the year's total slightly up fr 9.40p to 9.50p gross, to give yield of 3.3 per cent.

Subject to economic e dirions, Kode is reasonably c fident about this year and Terry Darlow, the chairm said that orders were high than a year ago. He said the Kode was still looking acquisitions but the right consists were hard to find I panies were hard to find. I group's cash balances—£796,0 at December 1979—were up the end of 1980. Systime Limited, the Leeds-based

A once-nff release of deferi tax reduced the 1980 charge of £492,000 by £118.0 Because of this earnings share have risen from 17.4n 23.3p instead of 20.6p with the release. Reserves rose 2776,000 to 23.5m. Turnor rose from 28.5m to 210.4m.

Kode's main problem was Kode Ltd, the computer pe pheral manufacturer, whi made losses in the second bai Conditions remain difficu However, leasing and service of computer equipment a the components companies met or exceeded budget. I which makes highly technole printed circuits for the co

Interim cut as Campari slides

Campari International, a mass market leisure, comparing and inflatable bont equipms group, is still in full reare. In the seven months to Decches 31 press, profits plant. ber 31 pretax profits plung from £737,985 to £285,9 Turnover fell from £12,2m £12m and the interim divide has been cut from 2.7p gross 1.43p. The shares fell 5p

Campari is expected to ma around 5600,000 again 5931,000 in the year to M.

tin smelting company

Mr Philip Dunkley, chairman of

better across the board, "The

companies are advancing their

position in the market gener-

ally", Mr Dunkley said. In East

Africa the joint tea estates company, 49 per cent held by the group and 51 per cent owned by the Ugandan govern-

ment, is now at the reconstruc-tion stage. It will be "at least

a year " before any contribution

to group profits is seen.

Australia is also looking

Mitchell Cotts.

dated, is to set up a new tin smelting company in partner-ship with Straits Trading.

MMC and Straits form

Straits Trading, a subsidiary of Overseas-Chinese Banking Corporation of Singapore, will International Internation put its existing tin smelting interests into a new company, to be called Malaysian Smelting Corporation (MSC). MMC will then taken at 2 and 2 and 2 and 3 an then take a 42 per cent stake, the annual report. worth MS102m (£20m), in MSC. It is hoped that in three years Straits Trading will offer 28 per cent of MSC to the Malay-

Ford to repay loans Ford Motor said in Michigan

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tion

Stock Exchange.

t expected to repay soon a 400m (£182m) loan it recently obtained from its West German subsidiary. It will also repay un \$800m borrowing from its British subsidiary within a year. The loans from both units are the second in about a year. Such transactions with foreign subsidiaries are commonly used by multinational companies to

International

International Income Property is planning a one-for-one rights issue next month to raise \$20m (£9m), Mr Gerardus Dusseldorp, chairman, said in

Ciba Geigy downturn

Ciba Geigy had a difficult 1980 with group net profit fall-ing for the second consecutive

was particularly characteristic of the dyestuffs, chemicals, plastics and additives sectors, Ciba Geigy said.

Family Investment Trust: Total gross revedue for the year to Jamary 31, 1981, rose from £446,000 to £488,000. Total gross dividend, 8.57p (7.92p).

Law Debenture Corporation: Pre-tax income for 1930 up from £1.46m to £1.53m. Total dividend (gross) up from 9.28p to 10.35p. Bubbard and Kenning: Mr Fred Hubbard and Kenning: Mr Fred Marks, a Nothingham partner in chartered accountants Peat, Marwick. Mitchell & Co. has been appointed receiver and manager of Hubbard and Kenning, the old established Lelecater knitwear company. Mr Marks is trying to find a buyer for the company. Builin's, the holiday camps group which is now owned by Rank Organisation. has hought the Grand Hotel at Llandudno from Trusthouse Forte. The price is not being disclosed.

being disclosed. Eritannia Australian Performance

Eritanua Australian Performance Fund has been launched by Jersey-based Britannia International Investment Management Ltd. a member of the Britannia Group of Investment Companies. Fund, formerly Schlesinger Far East Fund and which is quoted on the London Stock Exchange, aims for lung-term capital growth from a managed portfolin of Australian shares with emphasis on energy, mining and resource companies.

Business appointments Director named for Sainsbuy's

Sir James Spooner has been elected to the burnt of Sainsbury's as a non-executive director. He is the first non-executive director to be appointed from outside the company.

the company.

Mr C. C. Anthony Glossop, an executive director of Redman Heenan International, has been made chairman of Fielding & Platt, and Redman Broughton, two of RHI's operating companies. Mr J. Ramsay Spence, a non-executive director of RHI-has been appointed an executive director of RHI's main board, and choirman of six of RHI's operating companies—Redman Fisher Engineering; Salt Engineering; (Coventry); Mercia Engineering; Redman Engineering; Precision Engineering (Worcester) and Its subsidiary, Computer Graphics.

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Interim Statement

(Holdings) Limited

Staffordshire Potteries

31 December Turnover 7,079 15,778 8,469 Trading (Loss)/Profit (119)575 1,060 Interest 748 476 270 (Loss)/Profit before Tax 312 305 (595)(Loss)/Profit after Tax 278 300 (595)

Group sales increased by 20% and exports to N. America by 75%.

 Priority has been given to reducing working capital. De-stocking has adversely affected profits but has enabled the company to maintain a satisfactory cash flow and contain

Response to the new range of Stoneware Cook and Serve tableware and the new earthenware dinnerware products is encouraging.

Full production maintained in the profitable, efficient and highly mechanised Holloware division and benefits expected from the anticipated demand for commemorative ware.

Taunton Vale Industries trading profitably due to success of Royal

Decision relating to payment of a dividend for the current financial year deferred until year end.

Copies of the full Interim Report are available from The Secretary, Meir Park, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 7.1.4.

Malaysian Mining Corpora-tion (MMC), which is 28.6 per cent-owned by Charter Consoli-

The United States real estate trust has the ICI pension fund as one of its biggest share-holders. IIP's biggest asset is the Park City shopping mall, the largest in Pennsylvania, which it owns jointly with the British Post Office pension fund.

year in spite of a 20 per cent in crease in turnover, the company soid in Basle.

The pattern of rising sales combined with falling profits

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Foreign exchange report

This and nervous rading conditions at 59.8 from 98.7 at five fictions prevailed throughout much of eligible bank of lengtand was sufficient to releve the shortage of day-to-day credit in the discount market yesterday. Money had again proved very reluctant to show in any size. Only at the latter end of the day did rates soften at all, with final balances being taken at 134 per cent.

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Wall Street

New York March 5. Stocks on the New York Stock Exchange closed lower in incidents trading as the NYSE index fell 0.47 to closed lower in incidents trading as the NYSE index felt 0.47—10-74.51 and the average price very starte 27 cems. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 6.82—10-964.62 and deckhes led advantes 765 to 715 as turnover slowed in 45.382,000 shares from 47.260,008. Among the oils, Extron lost 12 to 691. Standard Oil of California 14 to 881. Teraco 1 to 371. Superior Oil 64 to 210. Getty Oil one to 681. Occidental 7 to 284 and Standard Oil (Indiana) 2½ to 677. Texas International, however, climbed 14 to 432. It found a third and fourth natural gas rone in a Texas well.

Amen incorporated was off 1 to 384 before a trading left. Directors rejected a \$78.50 a share take over bid from Standard Oil of California valued at 83,800m. Volume leader Clorox climbed 14 to 121. Atlantic Richfield lost 14 to 121. Atlantic Richfield lost 14 to 541. It expects a threefold rise in the windfall profit far this year.

Consolidated Presightways surged 61 to 281 at one point.

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Texas Residers were generally firmer after reporting mostly higher February sales. Active Sears Roebuck gained it to 161 but K Mart eased 1 to 171 in active trading—Renner.



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Revenue cannot inspect Manx bank records geona v Grossman

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1973. was passed to attendine the subteringe: contractors were bound 75 pay over 35 per cent of the men's earnings to the revenue. But some companies were allowed to avoid that 35 per cent. If they satisfied the revenue on various matters they were granted exemption certificates.

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On November 17, 1977, J.B.K. was granted an exemption certificate, but the company proved involving of it. It never made any tax returns or paid any tax, in January, 1979, the exemption certificate was cancelled, but although the receive asked for it back it was never returned.

The case against Grossman appeared to be that he had got held of some of the document; of JBK such as exemption certificates and interposed JBK's name between the contractor and the workmen.

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Instead of the contractor paving the men and deducting the 35 percent for the revenue, the contractor poid the full amount by cheques made out in favour of JER. That money was paid into the numbered account. It was grawn out and used to pay the wages leas 6 per cent which Grossman scened to have pocketed for himself. He appeared to have

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the Theft Act.

The revenue said that they had a good deal of evidence against Grossman but wanted confirma-tory evidence, in particular that in the books of Barclays Bauk, Victoria Street, Douglas, relating to account 50783054 of the Savings and Jovernment Bunk Ltd. ntrisans, Mid Glamorgan, and raed with froud arising out of "lump". He was granted I but absconded. On January 1931, he was arrested and was r in castody awaiting trial after earing before Pontypridd maginess. It had no place of business in England and Wales, it collected cheques and paid them but did so through the medium of Barclays be revenue were preparing the eagainst him and wanted to pect and take copies of some

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Could the court make an order under station 7 of the Act of 1379?

The nature of the case against Grossman went back to the days of the "lump" when workinger were changed as "labour only sub-contractor," and received their full earnings without PAYE would not allow such proceedings in the labour on their earnings, paper report referred to a "stern warming from Deemster after UK long enough for the revenue to

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When Grossman was rearrested
in January 1981, the revenue
thought that the best way was
to apply to the court under English law. They sought an order
under the 1879 Act addressed to
Barclays Bank. Lombard Street.
London. Mr Jurtice Skinner had
made the order sought on the
revenue's ex parte application.
Barclays mock up a neutral
stance. But the Savings and investment Bank quite Independently
said that they were just a customer of Barclays in the 1ste of
Man but against their head
office in Lombard Street.
Barclays branch in Douglas should
be considered any differently from
an Irish or American branch hank
there which was not subject to
our Jurisdiction. Barclays had to
get a licence to operate there. The
branch there should be considered
as a separate entity.

The court ought not in its dis-

cald that they were just a customer of Barclays in the Isle of Man and that the order made requiring Barclays to produce their customer's account was a wide thing to do. They were granted feave to appeal. The matter had to be decided because of the proceeding, in Wales.

"Legal proceeding" in Section 7 of the 1879 Act included "any credit or criminal proceeding" in section 10). The working of the section was wide enough to cover tot only the particular litigant but all in other persons.

If was contended that the power of inspection and discovery should be very carefully watched, especially when it asked for a sight of the account of a customer to whom the bank owed a duty of confidence.

It was quite plain that in ordinary civil litigation an order under rection 7 would normally only be made in respect of a party who was a party to the litigation against his account or an account which was really his. It could be made against a third party, but great caution had to be observed:

Nouth Staffordshire Transpass of Ebbsmith 1 [1895] 2 QB 669; Nouth Staffordshire Transcass v Ebbsmith (1895) 2 QB 669; Pollock v Garle (1898) 1 Ch 1) and (Vaterhouse v Barker (1924) 2 KB 759), which related to civil

2 KB 7591, which related to civil cases.

Criminal cases were few in number. An accused person's bank account might well be the subject of an order under section 7; and that of a near relative, such as a wife: (Villiums v Summerfield (1972) 2 QB 512) and R v Andover

customer's account. In the present case the account was in the life of Man and it was sought to in-spect a customer's books to assist

a Welsh prosecution.
The courts in the Isle of Man the courts in the iste of main had taken a strong line against their legal process being used to help legal proceedings in England. On February 17, 1981, the Deemster had made an order restraining Barclays Bank, Varoria Strong Poundar, from division or Street, Douglas, from disclosing or permitting inspection of entries relating to the account. It was said that the order

The court ought not in its discretion to make an order even on Barclays headquarters in London concerning their branch in the Isle of Man. It would not he right for the confidentiality of customers there to be broken for proceedings over here.

There was a danger of a conflict of jurisdiction hereven the courts here and in the Isle of Man. I or inspection of hankers' looks in England and Wales application should be made under the Act of 1879. For books in the Isle of Man it should be made in the Isle of Man.

Bearing in mind the confidentiality of the customers' account the court in its discretion should make no order. The appeal should be allowed. That meant that the revenue would not have available the evidence which they would like to have to prosecute Grussmen in Wales.

in Wales.

LORD JUSTICE SHAW agreed that on the practicalities the order made should be set aside. The judge below had not been in possession of all the material facts, Although section 7 required no notice to be given, where the interests of other parties might be materially affected it was desirable that they should be notified save where there were considerations of urgency or secrecy. of urgency or secrecy. LORD JUSTICE OLIVER, also

agreeing, said that while there was no doubt but that the judge had jurisdiction to make the order the wile: Williams v Summerfield [Inrisdiction to make the order the fil972] 2 OB 512) and R v Andover Justices, Ex parte Rhodes (The exercise of the court's discretion forciples were stated in R v Mark-thorough Street Mugistrates' Court, Ex parte Simpson ((1980) 70 Cr. It should only be made in unusual circumstances. Where third parties were concerned the person tomer's bank account was impugned the question had to be asked whether the public interest in assisting the prosecution of R Pelix: Solicitors: Olivestone, Hauson R Pelix: Solicitors of the court of the prosecution of R Pelix: Solicitors of the court's discretion was whether in the exercise of the court's discretion was was was an e Solicitors: Olivestone, Hanson & Pelu; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Repair obligations in 7-year lease agreements

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It had been held in Roberts 19

cases that a term defined in a deed as beginning from a date before the delivery of the deed, say for 10 years from that date, was not a term of 10 years. It was a knorter term beginning from the date of delivery of the deed and ending 10 years from the date specified in the lease. It Jacob submitted, therefore, that although the habendum referred to a term of seven years from November 1, 1969, the actual term was two weeks short of seven years; and that the tenant was accordingly released from the relevant repairing covenant.

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sccordance with the Roberts principle, subsection (5) was wholly unnecessary because in any event the term could not start before the grant, and so section 33(1) must refer to the term described in the habendum. But if that was right the lease was later caught by the same subsection (5): the partialing before the grant had to be left out of account and the term computed from the date of the grant. So Mr Primost was back to square one.

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seven years from some anterior date.

However, a further point arose. In 1975 the landlords applied to the rent officer under the Rent Act, 1968, to register a fair rent. In his determination the rent officer, under the heading "allocation of liability for repairs", referred to the lease and added the words "and subject to the provisions of sections 32 and 33 of the Housing Act, 1961," thus indicating that the assessment was made on the basis of the landlord heing liable for the repairs specified in section 32 (1). Consequently, a higher rent was registered than if that liability bad been on the tenant. The landlords did not object and thereafter demanded and received rent at the enhanced rate.

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Mr Primost argued that the representation was one of law and not of fact and therefore could not give rise to an estoppel, and that the tenant was seeking to use the estoppel as a sword. Those dichotomies were dangerously neat and apt to mislead. Representations of fact shaded into representations of law, and swords, with a little ingenuity, could be beaten into shields or vice versa.

could be beaten into shields or vice versa.

The shield in the present case might have quite a sharp edge but it was nonetheless a shield, and the representation, was essentially one of fact, in that the landlords accepted liability for the section 22 repairs in return for the cohanced rent. As long as the enhanced rent was claimed the landlords could not put the burden of those repairs on the tenant, but they could take immediate action to have the fair rent corrected, and they would rent corrected, and they would then be entitled to the benefit of the tenam's covenant. The case would be remitted to the judge. Solicitors: 1. E. Kennedy & Co, Harrow; A. E. Hamlin & Co.

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The council particularly crities Mr Page for his minimal peration, or lack of it, over complaints against the

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In its adjudication on the complaint of Mr Hanus Weber, a
Czech, against the New Statesman
the Press Council said it considered "the editor should have been
aware of the implications in human
and professional terms for the
complainant of publishing false
statements which he had never
made and should have published
a correction promptly".

It regretted the editor's failure to answer the complainent directly. his minimal cooperation with the Press Council and his statement that he could not submit the New Statesman to its jurisdiction.

In its adjudication on the complaint of the Civil Service Union the Press Council said that having published an attack making wide-

ranging allegations the New States-man should have given the union an opportunity to reply. It criti-cized the editor for breaking his apparent undertaking to publish a response by the union's general secretary.

It regretted the editor's lack of cooperation with the Press Council in its investigation, particularly as the complaint concerned an obligapion so generally accepted as giving the opportunity to reply to a published attack. The adjudications were published elsewhere but not in the New Statesman.

The Press Council repeats its censure of the New Statesman for its original disregard of journalistic ethics in both cases. In particular its council or the state of the stat de ethics in both cases. In parti-cular it now condemns the two failures of the editor of the New Statesman to honour the moral obligation on him to publish a Press Council adjudication criti-cizing his journal, an obligation recognized by editors of magazines and newspapers throughout Britain for more than a quarter of a con-

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Scots poll shows Tory slide

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Opposition to patients' clubs growing

By Lucy Hodges Strong opposition is surfacing to the Government's proposals for spending money saved up

by patients in long-stay hospitals for the old, he mentally ill, and the mentally handicapped. There has been disquiet for some time about the large sums of money held by health authorities on behalf of those patients, £25.8m at the last count a year ago. There is even more dis-quiet at the way the Govern-ment is proposing to tackle the

question by setting up patient's clubs in long-stay hospitals.

Four organizations (the Campaign for Mentally Handicapped People, MIND, the Child Poverty Action Group and Disability Alliance) are meeting to discuss their opposition to the Government's consultative paper published at the end of January. Their main concern is that patient's clubs will co nothing to increase choice for patients and may lead to misappropriation of funds.

Most long-stay hospital patients rely on social security payments as their only source of income, but when they can: not manage their own affairs someone else has to he found. In many cases it is the heolth

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Mr Douglas Stoten, who is a higher scientific officer at the Metropolitan Police laboratories, made the startling claim at an inquest last week that berween 60 and 70 per cent of the loads carried by lorries on the roads of Britain are dangerously insecure.

He was giving evidence in the case of a lorry driver who, the inquest was told, was crushed to death by a 20-ton load of steel tubing being carried on his vehicle. The driver braked suddenly to avoid a car, the tubing came loose from the ropes secur-

ing it and smashed into the cab. Mr Stoten has since emphasized that he was giving a per-sonal rather than a "police" view and that the 60 to 70 per cent figure was based on an impression and not a scientific survey. But he is an expert in the field and has made a study of many different types of loads.

Moreover, Northampton police, in whose area the incident happened, have been looking at the loads leaving the steelworks at Corby and consider that a "large majority" are dangerous. Two days after the inquest a steel bar weighing more than a ton fell off a lorry in Dudley town centre, in the West Midlands. No one was underneaut it, but eight strong men were needed to drag it out of barm's way.

The Construction and Use Regulations say that a load carried by a vehicle must be secured so that it does not present a potential danger to people or property. Failure to do so is an offence, for which lorry

operators can be prosecuted. Enforcement of the law is a matter for the police, helped in some cases by the roadside checks on lorries conducted by the Department of Transport.
One point made by Northamptonshire police is that it is difficult for an officer without technical knowledge to judge merely by looking at it whether a load is potentially dangerous.

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When the argument may come down to mathematical calculations about, say, the tension of ropes, a police officer can be forgiven for hesitating. Figures from another police force suggest that five times as many prosecutions are brought after loads have been shed than in cases where they are considered likely to do so.

The law is backed up by a code of practice on the safety of loads on vehicles, drawn up by the Government in conjunction with the road transport industry and giving detailed guidance on the way loads should be secured. A leaflet summarizing the code is available to drivers to carry in

their cabs, The code was first issued in 1972 and a Department of Transport working party (of which, incidentally, Mr Stoten is a member) is preparing an updated



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version. Mr Stoten feels that the code should be written in simpler

language.
The department reckons that the 60 to 70 per cent estimate made by Mr Stoten of insecure loads is "high", but says that there are no accident statistics to prove the matter one way or the other. It does concede that there is a lack of awareness in the industry of the code, particularly

among smaller lorry firms. According to the Road Haulage Association, Mr Stoten's figure is a "gross exaggeration". The association adds: "There is no excuse for careless loading, but the cases where it leads to fatali-

ties are very few indeed" Perhaps surprisingly, the recent Armitage report on lorries, people and the environment, while treating the safety of lorties in some detail, makes no

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· Another consideration is that only 92 of 1,066 people killed in accidents involving lorries in 1978 were occupants of lorries. Nearly half (532) were car occupants, 205 were pedestrians, 159 motor cyclists and 60 cyclists. That is why lorry hazards, in-cluding insecure loads, are of

concern to all of us. The word has got round that the Mazda 323 hatchback, which goes on sale in Britain next week,

Grounds for thinking that include Ford's 25 per cent stake in Toyo Kogyo, the company that makes Mazdas, and the close similarity of the cars in size and concept. Toyo Kogyo has vehemently denied any Ford influence in the 323; even so, the two models are bound to be bracketed together.

Like the Escort, the 323 is a three and five-door hatchback and it offers a like choice of engines: 1100, 1300 and 1500. The engines are mounted transversely and drive the front wheels, which is still far from common on Japanese cars, as are the Mazda's rack and pinion steering and independent rear suspension. If the Escort was an advanced car for Ford, so the 323 is advanced for Japan.

The bodyshells of the two models differ mainly in the "bustle", or squared back end, of the Ford created, it is said, for aerodynamic reasons. But 323, with the sloping bonnet and front air dam, also claims a low drag factor, lower than European rivals like the VW Golf or Opel Kadett, which, of course, helps to reduce fuel consump-

I have been driving the fivedoor version of the car with the 1300 cc engine. The power units are basically of the same design as those in the previous small Mazda, with aluminium cylinder head and overhead camshaft, but smaller and lighter. Mated with bodyshell that also achieves lightness through the use of high tensile steel and plastics, the 1300 gives brisk acceleration (0 to 60 mph in 12 seconds) combined with good top gear, flexi-

bility. The engine is smooth and reasonably quiet and legal motor-

the claimed top speed or 30 mp Thanks, again, to the smooth shape, there is little wind noise. Fuel consumption is excellent: I got 33 mpg in rown and 40 mpg on the open road.

The crisp and responsive rack and pinion steering immediately marks the 323 off from many of its compatriots; indeed, the whole car has a taut feel, with little bodyroll on corners, that makes it enjoyable to drive. Hondas have traditionally been the best Japanese cars for bandling but this new Mazda runs them close. The gearbox is a delight

My main criticism of the 323 is the one I had of the new Escort, its ride. Though allindependent suspension is supposed to improve ride quality, neither Ford nor Mazda seems to have learnt the trick. The 323 is not as bad as the early examples of the Escort (Ford has since modified the spring rates) but over anything but the blandest surfaces it bumps and rattles with considerable tyre noise.

New releases

The front seats adjust for tilt, as well as the usual rake and reach, so most drivers should be able to settle comfortably; but I could have done with more lumbar support. Though the car claims to be roomier inside than some European competitors, there is only just enough head and legroom in the back for a tall person. The boot is useful and the rear seats fold down

separately. The heating and ventilation system is powerfully effective and allows for that ideal combination of warm feet and cool

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parking manoeuvres. Most o minor controls are on stee column stalks; in the case o headlamp switch this may no wise, for it can be flicked o mistake, leaving the light. waste away unnoticed.

Since Japanese cars are puted to be so reliable, I report that my 323 was a slug starter and that its clock was working. But point by poi. yields little to its putative pa the Escort, and it is several dred pounds cheaper. The door 1300 costs £3.799, ag £4,557 for the Escort 1.3 GL, is, if anything, better equip

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A promising new serial begins this evening entitled My the ather's House (ITV, 9.00). It has been adopted from Kathleen valor's novel by Paula Milne and she has handled a delicate being the story is about the traumatic effect a broken sarriage has on a 15-year-old girl and, to a lesser extent her other and brother. The father, after decamping from genteel outhport to London with an attractive lover five years reviously, suddenly re-enters the children's lives, albeit by those, when their mother collapses and has to undergo an peration. There are some realistic touches capturing the re-permissive fixties like the schoolgirls discussing "it", ecretly reading selected parts of Tropic of Cancer and the other's horror at finding her son' contaceptives. The part of ma, the daughter, is played by Judy Holt, who is making er television debut. Helen Ryan is the wonderfully crabby nother with an injured-innocence air and Steven Mann is the citurn brother Maurice.

This afternoon John Craven begins a new Breakthrough series f four programmes on nineteenth-century civil engineers BBC 1, 5.05) Thomas Telford, the Scots designer of, among ther things, the Caledonian Canal, is his first subject and in the rogramme John travels down this famous ship canal in a orking rug and tells the story of how this son of a humble hepherd became the greatest cogineer of his day.

A topical look at the business ethics of "Tiny" Rowlands is

he subject of tonight's London Programme, The Battle for larrods (London Weekend, 10.30). The programme examines the easons why Lonrho wants to diversify still further and enter he retail business when most stores are experiencing a slump. hat will be do if he gains control of the House of Fraser? leoffrey Hodgson and his team attempt to find the answers. Today the newly appointed Regius Professor of lodern History. Michael Howard, gives his inaugural address 1 Oxford. Radio 3 recorded his talk and it will be broadcast might at 9.10. In it the professor disagrees with the view held y the general public that history provides lessons and he iscusses the obligations of the historian to the integrity of his

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ubject in relation to the expectation of society.

Broadcasting Guide

Edited by Peter Dear

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Counter: Germany: 9.25 Pole Voulting: 9.52 Look and Read: 18.15 Marks: 10.35 The Mail Order Business; 11.02 Welsh language; 11.25 You and Me (not Schwils), 11.40 Lasing Underwater; 12.05 pm 16 Up. Closedown at 12.30, 12.45 News.

1.03 Pebble Mill at One : The proframme visits a South Devon farm where a port makes lambing a for easier. In addition Peter Scabrock has some more gardening hints in the regular feature, Dig This, 1.45 flow to You Do ?(r). 2.02 For School, Colleges: The Low of Life: 2.75 Job humilar, Clouddown at 3.00.

3.20 Guerinwr yn ei Gastell; Welsh Folk Museum, 3.55 Play School (shown carlier on BEC 2), 4.20 Secret Squierel; Cartoon enbilled fine is a Crowd (r), 4.25 Jacksmary, 4.40 Finders Recepts, 5.05 Break Through; In the first of four programmes about nineleenth century civil engineers. John Crasen tells the story of the

BBC 2

6.46 am Open University: Stero-coemistry: Conformations: 7.45 Math.: Maps; 7.26 Binomal Theorem. Clovedown at 7.55 10.35 For Schools, Colleges: Merre-go-Round. 11.06 Play School: Lesley Night-ingale and Christopher Bramwell are the preparters and the energy is How We Live by Anita Harper. Ciosedown at 11.25. 2.15 pm Horse-rating from New-bury. Four races beginning with

2.13 pm Horse-racing from Newbury. Four rices beginning with the 2.30 and followed by the 3.00, 3.30 and 4.00. The commentators are Julian Wilson and Richard Pitman. Racesong personalities are interviewed by Robin Gray. Closedown at 4.15. 4.50 Open University; Aver at Eton; 5.15 Man-Powered Aircraft; I. 5.40 A Night in the Show (1915) starring Charlie Plays two parts—that of a well dressed gentleman in evening dress and Mr Rowdy.

in evening dress and Mr Rowdy. a tramp. Both characters cause

THAMES

9.30 am For Schools: A trip along the Equator from Ecuador to the Andes with David Bellamy: 9.58 Birmingham through the eyes of a Chinese resident; 10.15 Market day in the French town of Bauge: 10.38 Evolution for A-levels; 11.02 Stop. Look and Listen; 11.14 Learning to Read: 11.25 Mathematics for seven to nine-year-olds: 11.43 For deaf and hearing impaired children.
12.00 The Magic Ball: Sam is taken by his magic bell to see what life was like in the Wild West (r): 12.10 pm Once Upon a Time: Mark Wyster tells the story 9.30 am For Schools: A trip along

West (r): 12.10 pm Once Upon a Time: Mark Wyster tells the story Monkey Gets a Fright: 12.30 A Better Read: Bill Grundy with news of bnoks on spies and secret agents and authors Ted Allbeury and Brian Freemantle recommend niles to read (r). 1.00 News : read by Peter Sissons ;

1,20 Thames News: with Robin 1.30 Together: More drama about the residents of Rutherford Court; 2.00 After Noon Plus: Mayis Nicholson interviews Jimmy Reid, a former Communist, now a mem-ber of the Labour Party.

Sent. Thomas Telford. 5.35 The Perishers: An annualed version of the Dally Mirror could strip with the voice of Leonard Russier as

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Euch. 5.40 News, read by Kenneth Kendall 5.55 Regional news mana-zines. 6.20 Nationwide, including at 6.45 Sportswide, including at 6.45 Aguestion of Sport: David

Coleman is the questionmaster when two teams led by Emlyn Hughes and Gareth Edwards compete with each other. Among the guests are Jill Hammersley and Schastlan Coc.
7.30 Coming Home: The second episode in a six-part comedy series starring Boger Sloman and Philip Joshon.

Jackson. 8.00 The Walls of Jericho: The final episode in the drama about Sophia Jex-Riake, the first lady doctor in Scotland. Sara Kestleman stars, 8.50 Points of View Barry Took with more viewers' comments—goal and bad—about the programmes that appear on telescotor.

television. 9.00 News, read by Richard Baker, 9.25 Starsky and flutch: The two detectives investigate death threats that country and western singer Sue Anne has received (r). 10.15 Time of My Life; A contedy series about Ken Arches, a

havor in a theatre; 6.05 Monkey. native in a meatre; a.05 Monkey.

A Lipanese adventure story,
6.56 Speak for Your-eif: Advice
for people whose mother tontue
is not English. This programme
looks at the misunderstandmen
that can occur over a child's
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7.15 News including a sub-titled 7.15 News including a sub-titled symposis for the hard-of-hearing. 7.25 theford Read Show: Liegazine programme from Manche der introduced by Rob Robrer and Jackie Sprekley: 8.00 Gardeners' World. Geoffrey Sauth, with help from Arthur Eillitt of Clack's Farm, sows plants for bedding out, transplants an evergreen and chooses some varieties for a new ruse garden. 8.25 The New Homeless P Steve Braishaw reports for Newswerk on the housing crists and asks will we have a new generation of homeless in 1984? 9.00 Coll My Bluff: Robert Robinson is in the chair to test the knowledge and guilibility of two teams.

two teams. 9.30 Playhouse : Clapperclaw by

2:45 Film: A Brand New Life (1973) starring Cloris Leachman and Martin Baisam, Miss Leach-man wan an Emmy award for her portrayal of a middle aged wife who becomes pregnant for the first time. tinte. 4.15 Dr Snuggles : Cartoon adven-

tures of a silly old inventor; 4.20 The Adventures of Black Beauty: During a violent thunderstorm Black Beauty bolts and panics Squire Armstrong's horses (r): 4.45 The Estraordinary People Show: The career of Max Early, composer of The Enchanted Orchestra, is traced by Graham Thornton; 5.15 Clapperboard: introduced by Chris Kelly. This afternoon Goldle Hawn talks about her rule in Private Benjandin on which she is also co-producer. which she is also co-producer, 5.45 News; 6.00 Thames news: with Andrew Gardner and Ritz Carter, 6.30 Thames Sport: The latest

news about sporting activities in the London area and the rest of the country with Allan Taylor, London Weekend Simon Reed and John McCririck.
7.09 Family Fortunes: The
Grahams from Newbiggin, Northumberland, and the Scotts from middle-aged man who is question-

Radio 4

9.00 News.

9.45 Feedback.

10.00 News.

6.00 am News Briefing.

6.10 Farming Today. 6,30 Tuday. 7,00, 8,00 News.

7.30, 8.30 Headlines.

8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.

10.02 International Assignment.

10.70 Daily Service. 10.48 Story: Pests, by Valerie

Georgeson.
11.00 News.
11.05 A Pity Success Has Come So

1.00 the World of Cons.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Play: Flowers for Ethel
Annie, by Carol Brugger.
4.05 Weigh-En.

4.15 Folkiales (1). 4.45 The Trumpet Major (10). 5.60 PM. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 News. 6.20 Going Maces. 7.40 News. 7.20 Pack of the Week.?

8.10 Profile, 8.30 Any Questions? 9.15 Letter from America.

9.19 Kiledoscope.
10.09 The World Tonight.
10.33 Week Ending f.
11.00 The Painted Veil (10).
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today, in Parliament.
11.45 BBC Sound Archives.
12.00 Vess.

12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast.

VHF 9.05 am Schools: Contact; Music

Interlude; Country Dancing Stage II (6); Notice Board (2); Music Workshop,

Workshop.
10.30-10.45 Listen with Mother.
11.00-12.60 Schools: Exploring
Society: Listening and Writing
(6); Pruspect (6).

9.05 Desert Island Discs.;

Late in Lafe I 11.50 Natural Selection. 12.00 News. 12.03 pm You and Yours. 12.27 My Music.

12.55 Weither. 1.00 Tag World at One.

middle-aged man who is question-ing his hie ages (t). 19.45 News headdines. 19.50 Royal Hentage: Hugh Wheldon, in this penultinate pro-gramme in the series, visits the homes of Edward VII. 11.50 Felm: The Thirty-Nine Steps* (19.33), starting Robert Donar and Madeleine Carroll. Altred Hitchcock's classic version of John Buthan's exciting story of suspense and mestery. Film: of suspense and mystery. Film Ends at 1.20 am. Regions

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Jack Shepherd. The scene is a pub in Yorkshire on VE Sight 1945. While the rest of the country is celebrating, in this little corner of the realm the jollifications are mated for various reasons. 19.30 1981 World Figure Skating Championships: From Harrford,

Connecticut Connecticut.

10.50 Newsnight. Capitalism 13
the Kremlin is the title tonight
and it is a report on how Dr
Armand Hammer, head of Occidental Petroleum, has become
capitalism's unofficial ambassador to the Kremlin

dor to the Kreman Transis. High-lights of the first day's play in the match between Great Ernam and Italy in Brighton. and Italy in Brighton.

12.00 Friday Night . . . Saturday
Moraling introduced by Australian barrister Geoffrey Robertson.
His disparate group of guests tonight are Lesley Anne Down, Jiff
Cralgie, Peter Hain, Bel Mooney
and Clive James. The programme
ends at approximately 12.55 am

Havant, Hampshire, compete for a prize that could reach £2,500 in this quiz compered by Bob Monkhouse; 7.30 Vegas: Private detective Dan Tanna investigates a series of murders in which the victims all have one thing in competents and photograph. non-a photograph.

mon—a photograph.

8.30 Holding the Fort: The first in a new comedy series in which the roles of husband and wife are reversed. Russell (Peter Davison) runs his brewery business from home while his wife Penny (Patricia Hodge) pursues her career in the Army; 9.00 My Father's House: Part one of a seven-part drama serial about a family separated by infidelity and the effect this has on the teenaged son and this has on the teenaged son and daughter (see Personal Choice). 16.00 News.

10.30 The London Programme: Geoffrey Hodgson and his team investigate the battle by Londo to take over Harrods.

11.00 International Snooker Masters: Highlights of the two semi-finals in the Yamaha Organs Trophy being played at the Derby Assembly Rooms. Assembly Rooms.

12.30 am Close: with Jack Peel reading Patriotism by Sir Waiter Scott.

RADIO

2.00 pm-3.00 Schools: Let's Joia Radio 1

Mozart (Sym 29).†

9.00 News.

9.05 Week's Composer: Straving Field Sym in 2 Mov).†

10.00 Songs (Kessler Parsons):

Groeg, Brahms, Quilter.†

10.35 Violins (I. and V. Oistrakh).

Plano: Bach, Beethoven (op 47).†

12.15 pm BBC Northern SO/

Downer (live from RNCM, Manchester). pt 1: Tchaikovsky,

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Dononoe).†

1.00 News.

1.05 Story: Dead Ground in No
Man's Lond, by Giles Gordon.

1.20 BBCNSO, pt 2: Prokofiev

(Prodical Sym).†

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1.20 BBCNNO, pt 2; Prokoffev (Prodigal Son).† 2.03 Apollo de Dafne, by Handel.† 2.00 Ensemble (Capricorn); De-bassy, M. B. Watkins (Quintet-1c; perf), Schoenberg (op 45), Messach (Quatour).† 4 53 Notes

Messach (Quatour).†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
6.55 Pley it Again: preview.†
7.00 Poetry Now.
7.20 Omrter (Gabrieli—live from
Cardiffi, pt 1: Haydn (op 77 no
11. Matbles (no 2—lst perfl.†
8.15 One Pair of Ears: review.
8.30 Quarter, pt 2: Elgar.†
9.60 Lecture (Michael Howard):
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10.19 City of London Sinfonia/
Rickov: Berkeley, Soarle (Concompletions—lst UK perf),
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Hencils.* 11.00 News. 11.65-21.15 Record; Granados. 5.55 am-6.55 Open University:

5.55 am-6.55 Open University: Artists and Antiquity: The Sociology of Religion: Scientific Approaches to Personality. Il.15 pm-12.55 am Open University: Science and Belief: The Map of the Ocean Floor; Health Choices—Making it Better; The Digital Computer; Peas and Probabilish.

In ; Religious Education; Music Interlude.

11.00-12.00 Study on 4: Kontakte (19); Alice France (18).

Radio 3

6.53 am Weather.
7.60 News.
7.65 Records: Shostakovich, Rachmanniov, Tchnikovsky (Nutchaster Act II).†

8.00 News.
12.45 Paul Burnett, 2.20 Dave Lee Travis, 4.30 Peter Powell, 5.30 Newshear, 5.45 Roundtable, 7.30 Anne Nightingale, 10.00 Friday Rock Show.† 12.00 Close, WHF RADIO 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2, 6.00 pm John Dunn.† 8.00 Jim MacLeod and his Band.† 8.45 Friday Night is Music Night; Company Showship (10.00 With Radio 2, 5.00 am With Radio 2, 5.00

5.00 am Bob Kilbey. † 7.20 Terre 5.00 am Bob Kilbey.† 7.20 Terre Woran.† 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 David Hamilton.† 2.00 Ed Stewart.† 4.00 Much More Music † 6.00 Davis Cup. 7.00 John Dunn.† 8.00 Davis Cup. 10.00 Castle's on the Air. 10.30 The Organist Entertaint. 11.00 Brian Matthew. 2.00 am.5.00 You and the Night and the Night and

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6.15-6.30 Report Wales. 10.33-11.00
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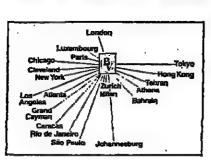
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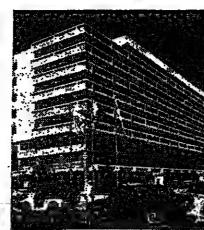


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Michael Prest finds the Arab banks' international growth still small,

but asserts that their involvement will increase

Oil boom heirs seek to penetrate the US market

After almost 10 years of high oil revenues and burgeoning economies it is not surprising that Arab banks and bankers are found all over the world: Finance capital is international and, like their oriental and occidental counterparts, the Middle East bankers follow the business.

In a sense Arab banks have to be more adventurous have to be more adventurous and aggressive in seeking custom. They are relative newcomers and do not have the powerful and intricate newcomers and often overther banks at the powerful and intricate newcomers and often overther banks. Also there is an important and often overther banks and bankers to the international and minimizate of the mid-1970s, and appeared about the international banks and septembers of the surface o

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with and for the Arab world was chiefly carried on by the former imperial institutions: the British Bank of the Middle East, Grindlays, Standard Chartered, and their French equivalents. Since that turning point, the out-ward movement of the Arab commercial banks has gone through two stages, and is entering a third.

The first stage was the founding at home of com-mercial banks to meet local

At the same time, existing and new Arab banks began to participate in consortium banks, a relatively safe way

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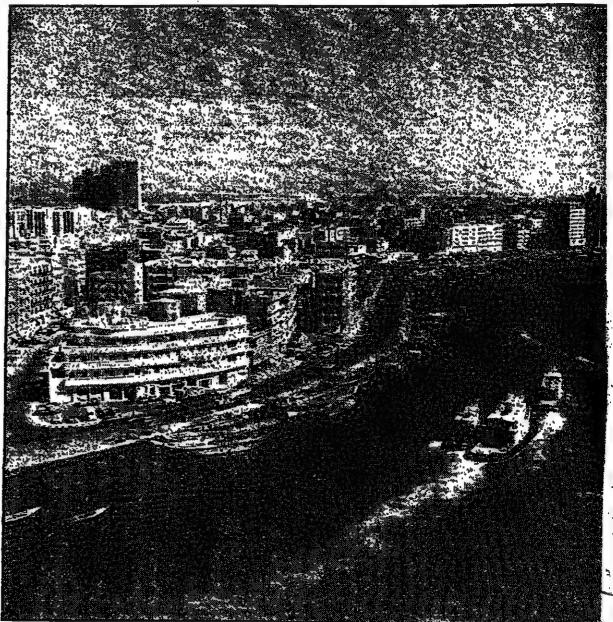
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Dubai Creek and the imposing waterfront of the city, centre of internationally growing Arab banking.

Banks' impact in Europe is limited

national banking community was given notice of a new

18 months or so. At about No doubt the founders of Westminster Bank, and Union the same time the Gulf Inter- ABC hope they will imitate Bank of Switzerland with 5 so far had only limi

national standards—none is leaders such as Citicorp, among the top 150 and only a handful get into the list of 50 biggest Euromarket lenders. Moreover, many of these which do figure on the world scene are consortium banks rather than ordinary joint stock banks.

Consortium backs are a slightly strange breed. They arose during the late 1960s to cope with the heavy land-

In January, 1980, the inter-shareholders in ABC are the is the Saudi International the private Arab banks—national banking community Kuwait Ministry of Finance, Bank, Established in London National Commercial B was given notice of a new the Libyan Secretariat of the in 1975, the SIB is baif of Saudi Arabia, force in its midst. The Arab Treasury, and the Abu Dhabi owned by the Saudi Arabian National Bank of Abu Dh Banking Corporation opened Investment Authority. Here in Babrain and announced that its authorized capital was to be \$1,000m.

It is the most spectacular example of a trend towards bigger capitalization which has characterized Arab banks, particularly the consortium banks, over the past six year ago, in which banks, particularly the consortium banks, over the past to be solved by the Saudi Arabia and the United bank of Abu Dh and the Arab Bank of

slightly strange breed. They able of offering the gamut of services available from the cocommercial banks and are also moving steadily up the ranking its mark in the Euromarket and through their participant in Union de Banques Arabe et Internationale d'Investissement, Frab Bank and the European Arab Bank; the potential importance of Arab commercial banks was first realized.

ABC is somewhat different because its owners are all governments, whereas many of the 30 shareholders in UBAF, for example, are commercial banks, albelt with small stakes. The three

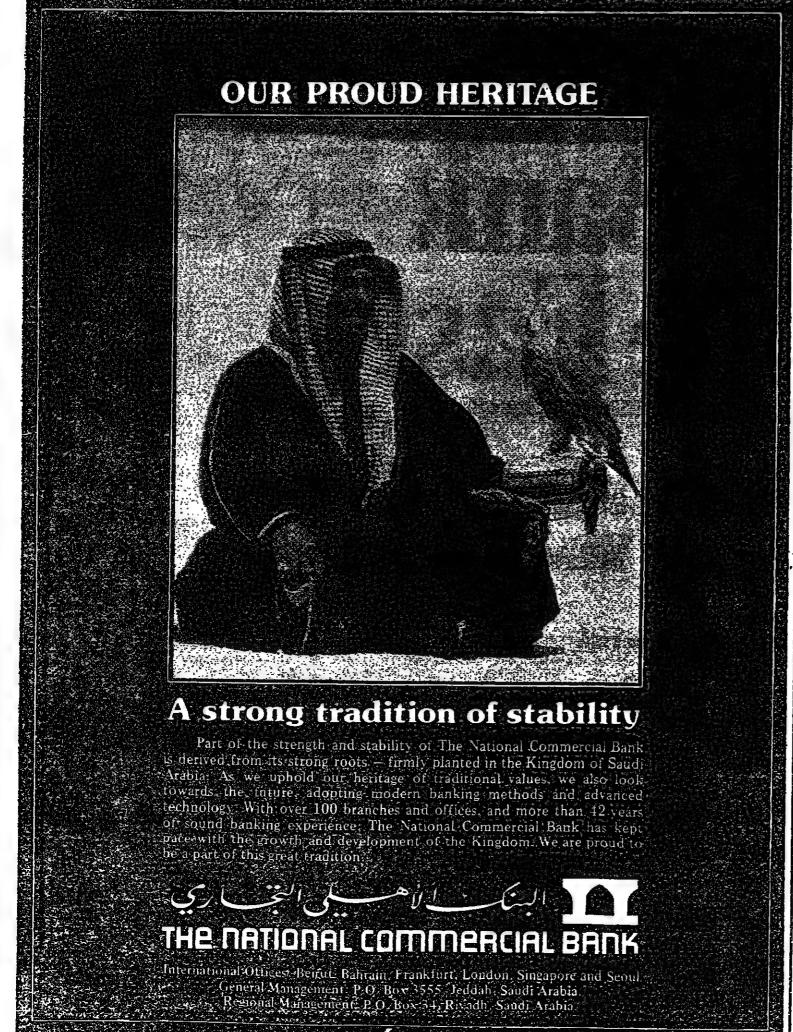
Arab commercial banks h the same time the Gulf later national Bank raised its authorized capital by 150 per too. GIB has become the cent to \$270m.

If one allows that banks cated loans, being the lead extent to which they are paid-up capital, the ABC's muscle will be considerable. This is not before time. Arab banks are still small by international standards—none is leaders such as Citicorp, among the too 150 and only Chase Manhattan and Lloyds

ABC hope they will imitate Bank of Switzerland with 5 per cent apiece.

What is interesting about the ABC, GIB and SIB is the cated loans, being the lead extent to which they are whicles of national policy. Since they have substantial government stakes, they are for loans of \$2,500m, including five syndom. Although the which governments with current account surpluses invest ing and Investment Copany, and the Kuwait Interesting about the ABC's manager last year for loans vehicles of national policy. Since they have substantial government stakes, they are for the Euromark Kuwait investment hou have been in the bond manager last year for loans vehicles of national policy. Since they have substantial government stakes, they are for the Kuwait Interesting about the ABC's manager last year for loans vehicles of national policy. Since they have substantial government stakes, they are for the Company, the Kuwait Interesting about the ABC's manager last year for loans vehicles of national policy. Since they have substantial for the Kuwait Interesting about the ABC's manager last year for loans vehicles of national policy. Since they have substantial for the Kuwait Interesting about the ABC's manager last year for loans vehicles of national policy. Since they have substantial for the ABC's manager last year for loans vehicles of national policy. Since they have substantial for the ABC's manager last year for loans vehicles of national policy. Since they have substantial for the ABC's manager last year for loans vehicles of national policy.

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FINANCE IN THE ARAB WORLD

hostage crisis in Iran and the new role of the City of London

Faith in major Western banks has been shaken

The greatest boost to the could easily repeat the type their public images domestidevelopment of Arab bank- of action taken over Iran. cally, but more likely out of was sufficient to cause Opec Arab world itself. ing in recent years was unwittingly given by former assets held within the United President Carter's decision States was always realized, result of the bostage seizure. ended, and the Iranian assets unfrozen, the American ection has prompted considerable rethinking in Arab financial circles. There is little doubt it will have constrategy for a long time to

Faith in the most important Western banks in general as deposit takers, and United States banks in particular, has been fundament-ally shaken. The Arab oil cerned to see a much larger Proportion of their funds channelled through their rather than which they have little ulti-mate control. Even politically moderate Arab govern. As a result of the emotion ments are concerned, while engendered by the hostage those with more hawkish crisis, many American hanks tendencies are despondent wanted to comply with the

but the shock for the Arabs was to discover that Eurodollar and other Eurocurrency deposits held in American banks overseas could also be blocked. A crucial reason for the emergence of Euromarkets in the first place had been the fear by communist states in the 1950s that if tensions increased during this period of cold war, any dollar assets they accumulated might be

. The communist world be-lieved that deposits held in London or Paris, even those with American banks, were beyond the jurisdiction of American law, and saw the excess of those prescribed by the Federal Reserve Authority, under regulation Q, as proof of this legal immunity,

that the so-called oil weapon spirit as well as the letter no longer exists as a threat, of United States law, poss-as Western governments ibly because of worries about

of genuine concern for the fate concern about the European nited of the hostages. Thus they as well as the American lized, unilaterally decided to block banks. This concern intensifranian deposits regardless fied as a result of the presof where they were located geographically.

The legality of this action has been the subject of much debate among international lawyers ever since, and the issue has still not been resolved, even though it matters more in principle now than in practice, with the unfreezing of the assets. Action by two American banks, in particular, caused concern among the Arabs, and the London financial concern among the Arabs, and the London financial community generally.

First there was what was regarded as a precipitate move by Chase Manhattan in declaring a \$500m syndifrozen. Second the Chemical Iran's \$9,000m worth of Bank in London sought an assets. There were some injunction to prevent the purchases of gold and other movement of Iranian funds within British banks because the Bunker Hunt episode of liabilities owed to it by served as a warning of the Iranian banks and institutions, It wanted to be the the same time there was first cracked in the same time there was some creamination of the

sures put by the United States on the European mem-

the United States.

Some states, at least, decided to deploy more of their assets in Far Eastern markets, and in decidedly neutral countries such as rated loan to Iran in default, Switzerland, in case the same as Tehran could not service ultimate fate might befall the loan with its deposits them as happened with frozen. Second the Chemical Iran's \$9,000m worth of Bank in London sought an assets. There were some injunction to brevent the nurchases of gold and other

the magnitude of the Arab surpluses is such that the Kuwait and the United Arab this, but so also do Liby Iraq, despite the repeated attempts to diversi that can be taken is to ensure that as high a por controlled banks,

Such banks still comply with the laws of the countries in which they operate, but at least they will countries of origin as far as, possible. To some extent the behaviour of the most im-portant American banks during the hostage crisis has taught Arab financiers a lesson, These institutions were supposedly multi-national, and believed to respond only to politically, neutral market forces, yet nlimately they reacted with some degree of patriotic fer-your, If American banks can

act in this way, why not, it is argued, use Arab banks that can follow this example? Banks from the Arab oilsurplus states have, there-fore, started to strengthen their presence considerable in international financia centres, both by opening new offices, and up-grading the status of existing establishments from representative offices to fully-fledged branches. At the same time branches. At the same time they are trying to diversify their range of operations, so that they not only merely redeposit funds with important Western banks, but seek out direct lending opportunities—themselves.

There is a new willingness to dire Western bank staff, so that the shortage of skilled and experienced Arab banking staff does not slow the expansion process.

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The crisis over, the American hostages prepare to board an aircraft for home at Rhein-Main air base.

Replacing Beirut as the money centre

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Eastern financial centre institutions, such as Kuwan's
Bahrain for instance is Gulf Bank, the Jammal
essentially a money market
centre, with the emphasis
on so-called wholesale banks
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In the past four years how totion, also representing ments of Bahrain, Iraq, trends continue, it will not ever 20 further Arab banks single Arab states, such as Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi take long for other Arab arrived, 12 during the 1978 the National Bank of Abu Arabia and the United Arab banks to be in the same posito 1980 period alone. Their Dhabi, which is two thirds Emirates. Another Arab con-tion.

office in the West End.

In the final category of is the Bank of Credit and Arab institutions in London Commerce International, are the consortium banks, which is largely owned by although these are much interests from the United more heterogeneous in Arab Emirates, Bahrain and nature than the other two Saudi Arabia, including types. Some, such as the members of the royal families of these states. Often UBAF Bank are joint venerated as the Arab woold's ture institutions, usually with foremost multinational busifull branch offices, involved although they also arrange not only in wholesale transactions through the interbank market, but also providing a complete range of retail services to both business and private customars.

The expansion of Arab banks in addition, as London banking in London has been banking in London has been farmed of western Europe, as before then only five hanks were represented, including such old established institutions as the hanks are not rente, including such old established institutions as the hanks decide to branch out banks decide to branch out banks decide to branch out overseas, but only wish to these countries had strong historical links with the London.

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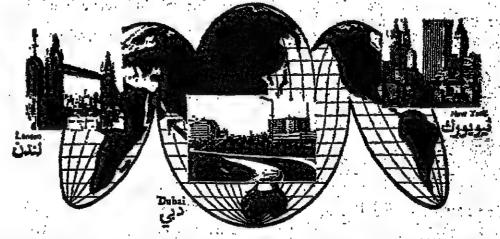
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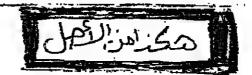
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Chartum: most of the Arab Monetary Fund's financing has gone to Sudan

Michael Prest traces moves to increase

financial cooperation

Monetary fund fosters unity

succession of appeals to pan-Arab sentiment and attempted unions of Arab states have enjoyed only a short life), a degree of financial and monerary coow developing.

In the varguard is the 300, and Morocco, Qatar and of, and alleged high pre-dicab Monetary Fund. Sudan took up 200 each. miums charged by, Western dodelled on the Internatio-nal Monetary Fund, it was quarters in Abu Dhabi and Not all the new bodies established as the result of run by Mr Jawad Hashim, furthering Arab financial discressions by the Arab a former Irani Minister of integration are public or Modelled on the International Monetary Fund, it was established as the result of discussions by the Arab League's Council of Arab Economic Unity in Rabat in 1976, IMF officials helped to

bers on how best to invest their funds, particularly in foreign markets where their value is threatened by infla-tion and currency fluctua-

Arab unity has been a The AMF's membership the LAIGC's support. But the cherished ideal for almost a embraces all 21 country crucial importance of the century. But while political members of the Arab League corporation is that it takes and the Polestine Liberaries on risks other than parameters. unity has proved elusive (a organization. As with the commercial ones, War and succession of appeals to IMF, voting strength is pro-revolution, confiscation and portionare to shareholding nationalization currency So Algeria and Saudi Arabia, changes and restrictions on which have 750 shares each, profit repatriation, and even are the biggest participants. bureaucratic delays can be followed by Egypt, Iraq and Kuwait with 500 each. The United Arab Emirares has a reaction against the caution are allowed bigh pre-

a former Iraqi Minister of integration are public or Planning as president, the quasi-government. Last AMF also imitated the IMF March 100 Arab bankers Economic Unity in Rabat in 1976. IMF officials helped to draw up its charter, which describes the AMF as an institution for giving multi-lateral balance of payments support rather than aid.

Behind this important distinction lie several ambitious strategic objectives. The AMF is committed to encouraging Arab conomic integration, promoting Arab money markets and working the process of the ambitious integrations, promoting Arab money markets and working the process of the ambitious indicated the IMF accounting an accounting device on excess inaugural meeting of the the Arab accounting dinar Arab counting device, like the Mr Bashir Zouhairi, group special drawing right or general manager of the European currency unit, or European Arab Bank. He whether it should be considered the forerunner of an Banks founded in Beirut in Arab currency, is debatable.

Nevertheless, the Arab true.

working dinar has found widespread cause Arab cur acceptance, chiefly because rather rency. It also advises mem- loans are disbursed in hard members. It is more a kind contents apponds entered into the accounts as Arab dinars. Thus the AD is valued at three SDRs, but when at the end of last year Sudan faced a serious shortfall in its cotton crop, it received from the AMF a loan of 20m to help to cover the balance of payments deficit.

In this sense the AMF is scilitating the flow of funds rather than advancing a new currency. Much of its financ-ing, the biggest part of which has gone to Sudan, working for non-Arab banks working for membership. has been to maintain pay- are eligible for membership. ments equilibrium between covatries.

between 3.75 per cent and lateral organizations.
4.75 per cent have made AMP financing very attract ive. But loans are not necessarily easy to raise. With an authorized capital of about \$1,000m, the AMF scrutinizes requests carefully. Automatic payments are made if they do not exceed 75 per cent of the borrower's subscription. An ordinary loan may he up to 225 per cent the country's paid-up capital.

În demanding more circumstances the AMR can also make extended loans over seven years to ease structural balance of pavments problems, and emer gency compensatory financing, such as that to Sudan,

can be given.
Although the number of AMF leans is small, the organization is already considering more ambitious olans. At its next meeting in April the hoard of governors is likely to examine a proposal for an inter-Arab navments system. This would be a his steforward in smoothing the flow of funds between me bers and within the Midd East. Under the schem Arab central banks would clear payments to each other

through the AMF. Such plans take time mature, but one instituti operating an elabora regional programme is t Inter-Acab Investment Gu antee Corporation, Based Kuwait, it is in some wa complementary to the AM While the latter provid assistance with balance payments and currency, the former assures official ar ommercial providers development aid.

The lAIGC was set up The IAIGC was set up i 1975, almost a convemporar of the AMF, and has I members who have sulscribed about S80m capita Unlike the AMF's, the is surance body's capital is urdetermined, but the emphasion Arab conversion and d on Arab converzion and divelopment is similar. Firm among the IAIGC's prioritic insuring joint Arab prijects and schemes promotin Arab economic integration. Investments designed thelp a host country's individual economy will also be backed, and the corporation is prepared to examine priects which it regards desirable but which migh not come to feution without guarantee. A wide range of risks an

projects is covered. Agricu ture, property, industr

Basic statistics

	Top 50 Arab banks 1979 (\$m)		
	Bank and country	Establishe	As d liat
	National Commercial Bank-Saudi	1938	: 7
	· Arabia	1941	1.5.
	Rafidain Bank—Iraq Commercial Bank of Syna—Syria	1967	<u> </u>
	Arab Bank-lordan	1930	ē
	Banque Nationale d Algerie—Algeria	1965	5 (3)
	Banque Exterieure d'Algérie—	1967	5
١	Algena National Bank of Abu Dhabi-UAE	1968	4
	National Bank of Kuwait—Kuwait Riyad Bank—Saudi Arabia	1950 1957	
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	National Bank of Egypt-Egypt	1898	4
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	Gulf Bank—Kuwait	1960	4.
	Bank of Credit & Commerce Inter-	1972	ລັ (ນກ
	national—Luxembourg		solid
	Alahli Bank of Kuwait-Kuwait	1267	3.
•	Union de Banques Arabes et Francaises (UBAF)—France	1970	3.
	Libyan Arab Foreign Bank—Libya	1970	2 2
	Banque MisrEgypt	1920	2
	Umma Bank—Libya	1968	31.1
	Wahda Bank-Libya	1970	2
	Commercial Bank of Kuwait—Kuwart	1261	151,1
	Credit Populaire d'Algérie—Algeria	1963	2. 2,
	Banque du Caire—Egypt	1950	2.
	National Commercial Bank—Libva Banque Arabe et Internationale	1970 1973	2 1.
	d'Investissment (BAII)-France		٠.
	Saudi International BankUK	1975 1957	1
	Bank of Alexandria—Egypt	1937	ı Tı
			solid,
	Al Bank Al Saudi Al Fransi—Saudi Arabia	1977	1 :
.	Societé Tunisienne de Banque	1958	1.0
1	Tunisia		•
	Bank of Kuwait & the Middle East— Kuwait	1971	1.:
	European Arab Bank Group— Luxembourg	1972	1.
	Arab Banking Corporation—Bahrain	1960	1.5
ı	Gulf International Bank-Bahrain	1975	131,1° 1,4
	Qatar National Bank-Qatar	1965	1,4
1	Saudi British Bank-Saudi Arabia	1978	1 8
ļ	Burgan Bank—Kuwait Crédit du Maroc—Morecco	1975 1953	1.2 1.2
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I	Al Bank Al Saudi Al Hollandi—Saudi Arabia	1977	1.2
l	Banque Intercontinentale Arabe— France	1975	1,1
I	Arab International Bank—Egypt Banque Nationale de Tunisie—	1971 1939	1.1 1.1
l	Tunisia		
l	UBAF Bank—UK First Arabian Corporation—	1972 1973	1 1 1.1
ł	Luxembourg	1216	1,1
ŀ	Arab National Bank—Saudi Arabia	1979	10
ł	Union Méditerranéenne de Banques	1975	(39.6
l	—France	1519	1,9 (unc
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1	Bank of Oman—Dubai, UAE United Bank of Kuwart—Kuwart	1267 1956	1 <u>0</u>
1	Arab Latin American Bank	1977	9
1	(Arlabank)—Peru		_
ı	National Bank of Dubai—Dubai, UAE	1953	9
	Bank of Bahrain & Kirwait-Bahrain	1271	9
	Bank Al-Jazira—Saudi Arabia Saudi Cairo Bank—Saudi Arabia	1975 1979	å
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Arab bankers. It could additionally become an arbitrator, a role possible only if its integrity is accepted by foreign liabilities

Period ending	Foreign 465ets (\$m)	Foreign Habiilties (\$
First quarter 1979	244	342.9
Second quarter 1979	278.8	344
Third quarter 1979	308.7	411.1
Fourth quarter 1979	312	374.7
First quarter 1980	321.1	414.9
April 1980	329.5	465.3
May 1980	326.7	447.1
June 1980	376 9	494.1

residents but otherwise operate as commercial banks.

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	Demand deposits	Time deposits	Dale
Algeria (dinàrs m)	26.412	9,064	May 1980
Bahrain (dinàrs m)	129.68	239.10	Sept 1930
Egypt (CE m)	1.872.9	3,176.9	
rag (dinars m)	187.5	342.3	July 1980
Jordan (dinàrs m)	214.28		June 197
Kuwait (dinars m)		348.53	Aug 1980
chance (Clab m)	1.950.7	974.4	Aug 1980
Lebanon (ELeb m)	3,152	15.182	Dec 1979
Libya (dınàrs m)	708,2	618*	Dec 1979
Morocco (dirhams m)	12,698	4.289	Aug 1980
Oman (riàls m)	64.2	165.3	July 1960
Datar (rials m)	2.068,8	2.530,9	June 1920
Saudi Arabia (rials m)	32.84	12.24	
	(plus 2.8 foreign	12.29	July 1930
	Currency deposits		
Sudan (CSud m)		400.40	
Syria (£Syr m)	482.57	159.13	Aug 1930
	5.552	1.765	Dec 1979
Tunisia (dinàrs m)	490.73	460.36**	Aug 1980
JAE (dirhams m)	4 780	12.863	June 108
Yemen, North (rials m)	680,6	1.510.7	Aug 1980
remen. South (dinars m)	53.05	38.99	June 1936

Quasi monetary deposits Quasi monetary liabilities

	International liquidity foreign exchange (Sm)	Central monet foreign assets'	ary authorities— foreign liabilities	Commercia banks—foreign assets
Algena	3,437	14.172	339	3,930
	(Oct 1980)	(May 1980)	(May 1980)	(May 1980)
Bahrain	904.6	317.25	10.40	324.2
	(Oct 1980)	(Oct 1980)	(Oct 1980)	(Sept 1930)
Egypt	1.083	1.211.3	3.953.2	
	(Aug 1980)	(July 1980)	(July 1980)	2 360 1
lrag	6,744.7	1,674,7	n2	(July 1980)
	(Dec 1977)	(Sept 1977)	II.E	127.4
Jordan	1.270.5	376.86		(Sept 1977)
	(Oct 1980)	(Aug 1980)	na	122,30
Kuwait	3.066 6	917.4		(Aug 1980)
	(Oct 1980)	(Sept 1980)	ħa	1,772.8
Lebanon	1,776.8			(Aug 1980)
	(Sept 1989)	6.252	na	9 379
Libya	10.914	(Dec 1979)		(Dec 1979)
Liuya		2.207.2	2,4	128.1
Morocco	(July 1980) 294	(Dec 1979)	(Dec 1979)	(Dec 1979)
,		781	1.058	953
Oman	(Sept 1980)	(Aug 1980)	(Aug 1980)	(Aug 1980:
Dilian	790.3	3)03	4.4	100.8
0-1	(Sept 1980)	(July 1980)	(July 1930)	(July 1960)
Qalar	318.4	18.4	na	2,471.5
Caush Asalasa	(June 1930)	{March 1980}		(June 1980)
Saudi Arabia	21,943	225.580	na	24 080
	(Oct 1980)	(April 1980)		(July 1980)
	25.072-SALIA			
	other assets			
	(Mar_1977)			
Sudan	25.7	24,39	411,95	136 11
	(Oct 1980)	(Sept 1980)	(Sept 1986)	(Aug 1989)
Syria	362	1.715	1.769	737
Tunisia	(May 1980)	(May 1980)	(May 1980)	(Dec 1973)
เทษเราร	6412	248 45	0.90	52 ?7
	(Oct 1980)	(Aug 1980)	(Aug 1920)	(Aun 1980)
JAE	1.952 6	5.772	444	12,302
	(Oct 1980)	(June 1930)	(June 1980)	(June 1900)
remen. North	1,319 4	5 411 7	85	702.2
	(Oct 1980)	(Aug 1930)	(Aug 1930)	(Aug 1951)
remen, South	233 67	83.29	20.12	50 67
	(Sept 1930)	(Aug 1980)	(Aug 1980)	(June 1980)

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Michael Prest examines the impact of Islamic principles and Rodney Wilson traces

the history of time-honoured traditions

Resurgence of old ideas about handling cash

Despite the reverties of this they could not store all their admonstisment, it is not to be cash under the bed. found in the Roran, The passage comes from the

the holy book's celebrated verses forbidding the practice of riba is the subject of intense theological debate. There are some who hold that only excessive thing and eiving of interest tree forbidder. Protector laying Radinson, the French Islamic scholar, riggests that riba may have been a specific practice, known to be widespread by which failure to pay a debic could lead to the immediate doubling of the principal.

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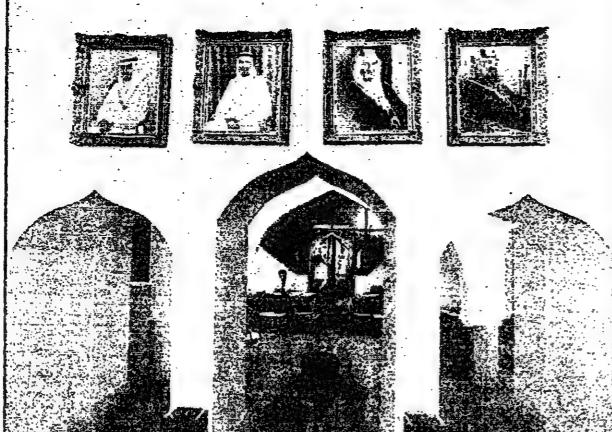
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"O ye who believe! Observe problem by rot using a your duty to Allah, and give bank: if you are poor and up what remaineth from have little c.sh there is no usury, if we are believers, need for bank. It the And if we do not, then be middle of the last decade, warned of war from Allah however, hasinessmen and and his messenger." other citizens found

Ordinary business pres-sure, and the closer intefounding document of the gration of the region into Kuwait Finance House, one world trade also pushed of the most successful of the Muslims who a dilemma: of the mest successful of the Anisims of a dilemma; new Islamic banks. It vividly whether to use Western summarizes how the revival banks or to lose business of Islamic fortunes around and perhaps be guilty of not the world has been accompanied by a resurrence of the earth. It is significant old ideas about the handling of money.

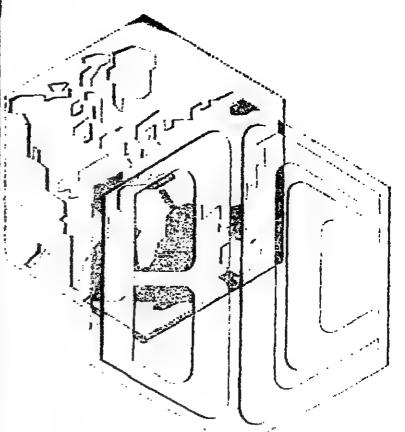
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notes. The practice has naturally been different, and nelty of devout Muslims on the countries' success. By the ieller enday that charging and receiving interest will not send them to hell.

It is nevertheless remarkable how fast the rehight of the difference hatween slamble financial principles financial principles in parts and take the risk banks and others, in the former's view, they put finance house, it is not the amount of the Islamic Development Bank in 1974, 19 such banks or institutions have been started in the Arabi parts of the supplier to buy the land on its own for the difference hatween share banks and others, in the former's view, they put of the countries' success. By the



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were made unsuccessfully, in Pakistan about 25 years ago. Other equally unsuccessful attempts followed in Egynt. Ironically it was the wealth appearated by the usurious industrial countries' demand for oil that made Sharia banking possible.

Central to those values, and reinforcing Sharia notions of interest, is the Liuslim belief that man is charged by Allah with lookcharged by Allab with look ling scene would be much The Gulf, especially Bahrain employee feels that if he sup-

in order to understand the vision of danking services is uniqueness of Arab banks almost regarded as a kind of today, it is necessary to go exchange in favours. Thus back into their moneychang- the depositor will be willing ing past, as it is there that to forgo some interest earnroots of their distinctiveness ings that perhaps could be rroots of their distinctiveness ings that perhaps could be lie. This distinctiveness manifests itself in two main ways, first through the organizational forms of the institution, because he first through their methods of appreciate such loyalty by giving him credit preference, through their methods of also at lower rates than conducting banking business. The traditional money-changers were always organized as family businesses, will reinforce their preference for avoiding any practice that seems like usury.

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itself, remain family-owned institutions, in these cases in the hands of the Mahfouz side the usually accepted and Shoman families respectively. In both these instances, despite the necessity of recruiting outside staff for even fairly senior managerial positions as a result of the stances. positions as a result of the flights, organize medical enormous expansion of appointments and often hos-operations, family members piral treatment on behalf of

Although the vast majority of the employees of the major Arab commercial banks are no longer blood relatives of the founders, there remaids a much greater tions.

Those in important positions are treated with the respect they expect, while there is a tolerance for the older customer rarely found in there remaids a much greater tions.

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from Banks Loans, Advances and	141,278	69,567
Overdrafts Other Current Assets	130,099 5,462	119,060 3,164
Investments Fixed Assets	15,971 4,522	14,467 4,705
Total Assets	297,332	210,963
Liabilities		
Deposits Other Current Liabilities	266,242 11,085	189,554 5,197
Total Liabilities	277,327	194,751
SHAREHOLDERS'EQUITY		
Share Capital Reserves	8,000 12,005	4,000 12,212
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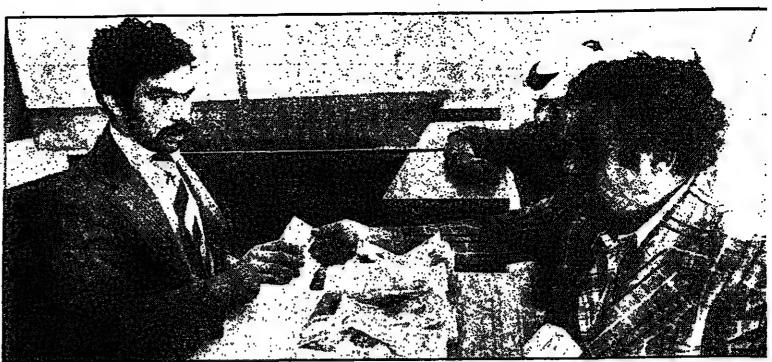
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Kuwait

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kine financial world. In interior in bonds denominated in national markets it probably Kuwaiti dinars in the mid-has the most advanced serior 1970s, the country's most vices of all the oil-rich Opec ambitious effort yet to countries. Long experience break into the big league as of investing oil revenues has a financial market in its own enabled the country to build right rather than as a supskills and institutions which plier of funds to markets t

dinars into, for example, dollars, knows that he is not taking any great risk of losing on a parity change. Since the Central Bank of Kuwait intervenes to hold down intervenes to note that the state of polation down interest rates, with an for Trading Securities playeffective ceiling of about 10 ing a leading part. As part per cent, it is possible to of this change, a market in borrow money in Kuwait at certificates of deposit has 10 per cent, lend it in dol-lars at about 20 per cent and pocket the difference. The anomaly of this situa-tion illustrates a deeper issue. Kuwait has never come to terms with whether

t really wants to be an important banking centre or not. Banks in the country (though one the Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait is only 50 per cent locally owned) and they are mostly in pri-vate hands. The Bank of Kuwair and the Middle East

wards trade credit, something of a boom area in the mid-1970s because of the

The long-term growth of the long-term growth of the banking sector, however, is likely to lie in another direction, the provision of capital to the international markets. Kuwait's assets are channelled through a number of investment institutions. There are three investment companies, the Kuwait Investment. assets are companies, the kuwait Investment Company and the Kuwait International Investment Company and the Kuwait International Investment Company and the Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company.

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were particularly active in the initiatives which led to

Kuwalt presents two faces to the setting up of a market the financial world. In inter- in bonds denominated in

The problem is of quite moratorium on further boranother kind. It is that by rowings in late 1979 was holding down interest rates, that 80 per cent of all the Government has prosuch bonds were held in duced a flood of money out Kuwaiti hands. The Governof the country into other ment stopped the issuing of markets where interest rates are higher. Because the Government indudity which they repre-pursoes a stable exchange sented. At the same time rate policy, anyone moving the Government introduced his money out of Kuwait a package of other measures a package of other measures designed to keep up the liquidity level in the

country.

A market in secondary bonds was allowed however, with the Arab Corporation

also begun to develop.

It is, however, as a source of investment funds that Kuwait has the real financial muscle it needs to become a financial services sector.. These funds are channelled through public and private agencies. The Government uses foreign banks in some countries operate under some fairly and the Kuwair Investment severe restrictions. They Office in London to handle have to be locally owned its own funds. Private in the Bank of vestment is handled by such companies as Gulf International and the Kuwait Real Estate Investment

Corporation.
Property has long been a has a government stake. The oddities of the Kuwait for the Kuwait is and this is money marker have not pre-shown on their own stock vented these banks from exchange. This marker can reaching enormous size. The biggest, like the National but the number of people in shank and the Gulf Bank, are among the largest in the Arab world. But their functions are heavily bigged to tions are heavily biased to to buy shares on the stock wards trace credit, some thing of a boom area in the individuals involved are the individuals involved are generate. Kuwait nationals are allowed mid-1970s hecause of the very rich, they can generate colossal turnover, with real The long-term growth of estate, banks and insurance companies coming top of the

David Blake

such as the reporting of assets and liabilities to its board and assurances that the local unit has adequately qualified staff. OBUs are also prohibited from accepting deposits from resident Babrainis, a measure the EMA has adopted to protect the local banks.

the local banks. However, eside from these restrictions, the OBUs enjoy

After a period of uncer- events in the region. While year of operations, OBU lifted a few months later, building units (OBUs) are ing as they are sometimes looking forward to a profit perceived in the West, they allow year later they had more to several Asian institutions, allow year later they had more to several Asian institutions, from Philippines, Malaysia, able year. Evidence that the emphasize the importance of sector has managed to describe the disruption gence on the part of OBU were worth \$23,400m, a fig-banks were also encouraged ure which meant that the capply for licences and for fewer than five years, lution and the continuing.

The offshore besides the sector had almost several have now granted to several Asian institutions, Manamah. Hongkong and Japan. Arab were worth \$23,400m, a fig-banks were also encouraged ure which meant that the Bahraini sector had almost several have now granted.

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per cent, end were continuing to decline.

More worrying to smaller Arab and Asian institutions as well, has been the arrival of two new Arabowned "multinationals", the Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) and the Gulf International Bank (GIE). The

enabled the country to build skills and institutions which are the chyy of the rest of the world.

At home, the country's had good and bad pless advanced. The pursuit of targets for the exchange rate, interest rates and free movement of capital have, on occasion, combined to produce a paradox.

Kuwait, the richest country in the sense of finding it hard to pay its way. The massive surpluses each year on its balance of payments have produced total holdings of foreign currency of \$50,000m.

The problem is of quite another kind. It is that by holding down interest rates, the country in the country in the world, often finds it surpluses each year on its balance of payments have produced total holdings of foreign currency of \$50,000m.

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weather the disruption gence on the part of OBU managers.

The offshore banking war between Iran and Iraq, sector, which was established coupled with the announce massive third development during a surge of quiet optimism.

But many bankers are growth in the late 1970s. At still keeping a close eye on the end of 1976, the first full still keeping a close eye on the end of 1976 and the same amount that the to apply for licences and those banks almost the ta

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Saudi Arabia

Fears that inflation may soar once again

During the past two years set at about 3 to 10 per cent in all financial affairs has the agency's course. Hence move must essentially be the Saudi Arabian Monetary during the past year, but to be respected in Saudi the only solution, and the seen in defensive terms. Agency (SAMA) has been SAMA, as the represent Arabia, Moreover, such an course SAMA appears to be. The third option of ex-During the past two years the Saudi Arabian Moneary during the past year, but to be represented in Saudi the Arabian course SAMA, as the represent Agency (SAMA) has been remarkably successful is a single of islams in the same of the letter of the law. Thereof increase is starting to rise again, however, with battong a process that it may some county in the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change their what is represented by the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change their works as a variable minimum, single figures, but there are worries that it may some comment and the third fiveyear plan. Covering the period of the same and the second plan of the second plan of the second half of 1980, half as a variable minimum, single figures, but there are worries that it may some comments the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change their soliton of the second half of 1980, half as a variable minimum, single figures, but there are worries that it may some comments and the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change their soliton of the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change their soliton of the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change their soliton of the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change their soliton of the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change their soliton of the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change their soliton of the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change the soliton of the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change the soliton of the second half of 1980, half as much again as the hast to change the soliton of the second half of 1980, half as much again the second half of 1980, half as much again the second half of 1980, half as much again the second half of 1980, half as much again the second half of 1980, half as much again the second half of 1980, half as much again the

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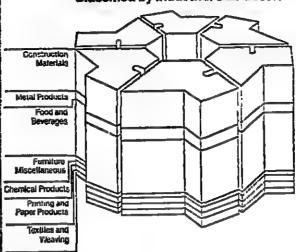
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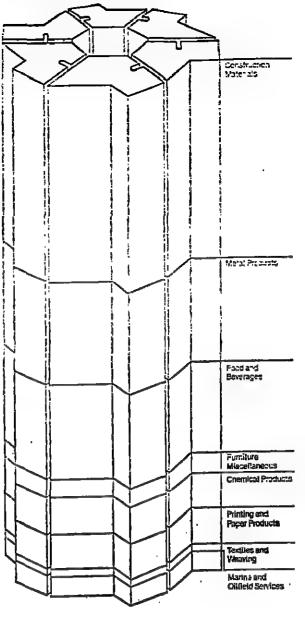
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United Arab Emirates

Despite competition for funds optimism returns

after the UAE achieved independence. Starved of funds
despite the emirates' oil
weakh, and beset with political conflict, the Currency
Board was never able effectively to regulate banking
activity or, equally importaut, to control the money
supply. The number of money
changers and small banks,
many of them simply
adjuncts of the big merchant
bouses, grew alarmingly,
precipitating a banking crisis
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Earling in the United Arab Emirares faces a difficult year, but the outcome could be an increase and more establishment of a central profitable level of activity bank did the crisis recede. For both the local banks and But lack of agreemen beforeign institutions. With oil tween the country's seven in Ras al Khaymah but revenues continuing to increase arapidly and big new emirares' Supreme Council, investment being made in hydrocarbons, optimism is until lass December when a phydrocarbons, optimism is until lass December when a phydrocarbons optimism is until lass December when a for firms and the competition for funds.

The principal change this year the President of the Stablishment of a Central Bank to replace the country's seven and the competition for funds.

The principal change this of the President of the stablishment of a Central Bank to replace the country was appointed. With the series of regulations which has acred as the country was repointed. On January 1 it formally replaced the Currency Board, which has acred as the country was appointed. On January 1 it formally replaced the Currency Board was forced to revalue the didlar deposits. Despite this, the deposits Despite this, the deposit of the size of dirham and stable and the competition of the President of the Pr

to 10.5 per cent, falled to stem the drain. While figures for the While figures for the fourth quarter are not yet available, many bankers fear they could be worse than those of last May when demand, time and savings deposits fell from 20,615m dichams (\$5,570m) at the end of 1979 to 20,400m (\$5,510m) even though the country is estimated to have (\$5,510m) even todays the country is estimated to have accrued some 21,200m dir-hams (\$5,700m) in surplus revenues during the same

Now, with United States interest rates generally ex-pected to remain high over pected to remain taga over the next few months, the Central Bank will face in-tense pressure to raise local interest rates and to revalue the dirham again. Yet by doing so the bank could in-cur the displeasure of some of the rulers of the smaller emirates which are known be opposed to regulation this kind, perticularly when it comes so soon after the November round of in-

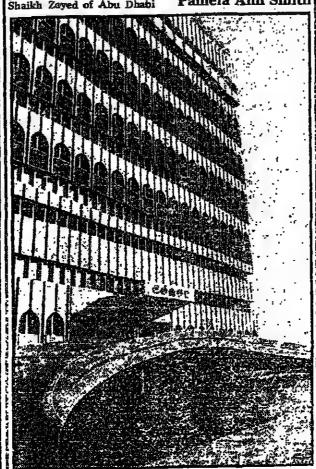
Problems faced by the other banks concern the shift in government deposits that the establishment of the Central Bank entails. As part of the agreement on its country as a whole as well as formation, the rulers of the to Abu Dhabi.

ment bank in the emirate, is expected to increase its cial Bank, one of the top five banks in the UAE, is looking in the country who originate from India and Pakistan.
While some Western
bankers are sceptical that

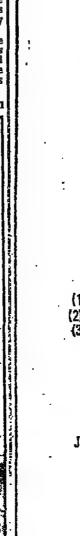
the larger local institutions will be able to accommodate others point out that plans by ADNOC to embark on a \$10,000m development pro-gramme during the next five years and the continued increase in the country's revenues will provide plenty of business for all.

As Mr Ian Irving, the local manager for First National City Bank of Chicago, puts it: "The year 1981 will be oil industry—and that means most of the town in one way or another—will benefit."
Bankers in other parts of the entrates are hoping that his optimism is justified, and that it. will apply to the country as a whole as well as

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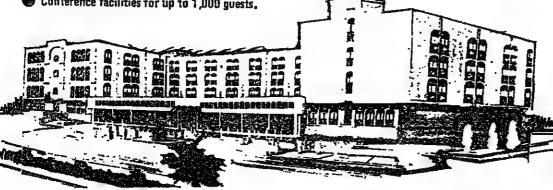
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Financial health has improved

is now a good name, despite a hesitant start to develop-ment immediately after the accession of Sultan Qaboos

The chief executive of a Dubai-based merchant bank

In February, 1980, a num

The maximum interest

rate on commercial bank

loans was raised to 13.5 per

cent and, in April, to 15.5

per cent. Deposit rates were also raised from between 6

The year 1979 had proved be a bad one financially.

running well ahead of esti-

flow of remittances from nationals abroad was showing signs of stagnation, because of a levelling off in the number of workers going abroad and a slowing

were working abroad, mainly in Saudi Arabia and

other Gulf countries. Re-

mittances for that year were valued at \$1,400m. The

enough to assist its local

and Development increased

financing programme,

in the rate of their Remittances constitute the country's main source of income. In 1979, about 1,500,000 people — 21 per cent of a population estimated at seven million—

abroad.

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North Yemen

Hoarded money

needed

for investment

It is 9 pm at Sib international airport on a Friday evening, the departure hour of the commuter run to Dubai. A group of bankers are talking quietly about the Oman rial. Yet in 1981 tive vice-president, and was are talking quietly about the with the country launched also well led by its late base. Mr Mohammad Shafi, Oman's currency posick man of the Gulf." Oman banking services have don in December 1980 from its general manager, a lack such banking services have don in December 1980 from large could be ascribed to high in much the same way so could be ascribed to high in much the same way so could be ascribed to high in much the same way so could be ascribed to high in much the same way so interest rates in early 1980 British building socionally well advised by interest rates in early 1980 British building socionally well advised by interest rates in early 1980 British building socionally well advised by interest rates in early 1980 British building socionally well advised by interest rates in early 1980 British building socionally well advised by interest rates in early 1980 British building socionally well advised by interest rates in early 1980 British building socionally well advised by interest rates in early 1980 British building socionally well advised by interest rates in early 1980 British building socionally well advised by interest rates in early 1980 British building socionally well advised by interest rates in early 1980 British building socional such as particularly in the dollar but also reflects. National such as Such as Quara, lack such base base, Mr Mohammad Shafi, Oman's currency po its general manager, a has been a firm committed to the dollar—the peg been maintained at the same of Credit and Committed to the dollar—the peg been maintained at the same of the committed to the same of the committed to the dollar but also reflects. National such as particularly in the dollar but also reflects National such as particularly in the dollar but also reflects. still used side by side with deputy chairman and executive also reflects. National such as the Omani rial. Yet in 1981 tive vice-president, and was Bank's growing customer stitutions. With the country launched also well led by its late base. Mr Mohammad Shafi, Oman's on a big development plan, the foundations of modern banking services have donin December 1980 from Bank of Credit and Combane from to the do been maintened been laid.

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living in a barter economy". anything, is increasing.

Omani currency, with its

First to take the credit to be the market leader, exotic almost Toy Town-sized banknotes, is now according to the London which recently produced accepted throughout The based merchant banks, which gulf by money exchangers, have the best relationship Profits were the equivalent to the control of the who used to treat it with with the sultanare, stemming of \$4.3m, described by the some suspicion. In remote from Britain's long-standing bank as "90 per cent up on country areas, especially the ties with Oman. The Central 1979". Much of this profit

very much alive is Mr Mohammad Musa, the sul-

Japan's C Itoh. It is rare for a bank manager in The Gulf to list customers but Mr Shafi clearly does it with pride since he feels an important message to put across is that oil payments are in dol the Omani banking system is and oil is almost the o capable of conducting trans-actions that historically were done for the sultanate by the big names. National Bank of Oman has 35 operational

nearly \$300m, equivalent to musity. Revenue for about 20 per cent of the sales of refined copper sultanate's cotal commercial will start coming in by 1 bank assets. Its chairman is yet the management of Mr Haji Ali Sultan, a dis-tinguished Omani business-

hranches including Cairo and

tinguished Omani businessman, who is president of the
local chamber of commerce
and industry and well known
to visiting businessmen.

The banking community,
apart from the seven locally
incorporated banks which
are all at least 51 per cent
Coman owned, includes
foreign panks with long
standing relationships with
the sukranate. British Bank
of the Middle East was for
time the currency-issuing
authority before the central authority before the central year plan launched on Jules bank was established, ary 1 1981, the spending Britsin's Grindleys and the \$21,347m is envisaged for French Banque de Paris et oil revenue—an amoudes Pays Bas all retain equal to about a third strong customer loyalty, particularly smong older North Sen.

the older, more conservative of manis still decline to accept interest on their deposits, but the banking habit has at least caught on. Hoarding or "the money in the bear under the bed" nomenon is still common but becoming less prevalent. Oman has also created a

number of institutions which complement the commercial banks. To the great pleasure of the International Monetary Fund, according to an informed Washington source, Oman has set up a development bank to provide loans for productive enter-prises and has also opened a bousing bank which acts

Nevertheless, there h the economy. These in the there are long-term plans for selves will make an office in Alexandria. more interesting to international financial project has been disturby what it considers to the negative reaction

Oman is no longer a Wor Bank case study, unless success is analysed, nor is the IMF. But the continui financial health of Om will depend upon its abili to keep control of its ov-political destiny. In rece talks abour a Gulf securi pact. Oman has taken a le and appears to have a ben rapport with its oil-ri-neighbours—the UAE au Saudi Arabia. To banke concerned with the sultana

> John Whela deputy edito



Agriculture is vital to the both economy and employs public sectors, more than half the mad Hizam al Yemeni labour force.

representations for that year were valued at \$1,400m. The Yemeni worker, having first exchanged his wages for equipment Part of a \$17m to the activities of all foreign banks, in the country Yemeni rials, repatriates the International Development been shown by Australian, momey to his family or relatives. Most of the money is the second stage of the Japanese banks, whose income has resulted in a development scheme will in February to discuss new enable the bank to extend projects with the Central land. An International Labour its local operations in the Bank.

at the same time establish- 1980-81.

Loans and guarantees represented by the Yemer amounting to 46m rials were Kuwait Bank for Trade and made by the Yemen Bank Investment, set up in Sanaa for Reconstruction and in 1978. Investment in real The banks must now open more local branches able to offer a competitive service in relation to the money-changer and to take advantage of the boarded remittances. In 1979 the Yemen is now seeking foreign and bank for Reconstruction in trying to overcome the Agreement was related and Development in trying to overcome the Agreement was related to the pany, established in the pany, established in the pany of the p

acute shortage of housing its total number of branches for low-income groups. The to 21, opening eight new channelling of foreign aid ones in outlying towns such as Sadah, Mocha, Amran, as Sadah, Mocha, Amran, Eavt el-Faqih and Bajiil. five-year plan (1982-86)

The International Bank draws close. Mr Hasan Maki Deputy Promier for its total number of branches for low-income groups. The its total number of branches to 21, opening eight new ones in outlying towns such as Sadah, Mocha, Amran, Bayt el-Faqih and Baijil.

The International Bank of Yemen, which opened on January 5, 1980, has been established with the specific aim of developing a branch network. Yemenis from rural areas are being trained to operate branches near their own homes.

Lending to the agricultural and industrial concerns will be an important part of banking operations. Agriculture is vital to the country's economy; it concerns that of gross domestic product, and employs more than half the labour force.

The Agricultural Credit Bank was set up in 1975 to provide inexpensive credit a bigger role in financing for agricultural needs such development projects covass seeds and mechanical ered by the second plan.

mad Hizam al-Shohari, the Economy Minister, has said that Yemen will cooperate

An International Labour its local operations in the Bank.
Organization report, published in mid-1980, warned of the economic pitfalls that approved loans of about British Bank of the Middle Too often remittances are 25m rials for 30 projects in the Bank, Bank of the Middle Imported consumer goods rather than into productive investment. The Yemeni by building material conbanks are now trying to cerns. The sum of 65m attract traditionally hoarded cash into private investment, 1980-81.

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Kuwait, one of the largest investors in the country, is

investors in the country, is jects-especially hotels and by the Yemeni Kuwaiti Real Estate Development Com-pany, established in 1977. Agreement was reached in December to set up a branch of Iraq's Rafidaio Bank in Sanaa. This would help coordinate the activities of the Iraqi projects office—now overseeing the construction of schools, roads and hospitals—and supervise the dis-

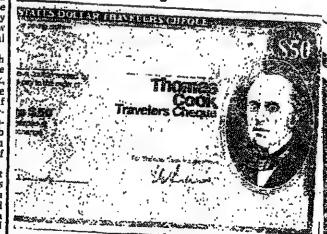
loan agreed in 1979. IMF figures for the period between March and August, 1980, show an increase in commercial bank deposits rials, against a background of growth in the money supply from 8.492m rials to 9.181m rials. Yemeni bankers will hope that the attempts made to expand the hanking sector will banking sector will succeed in providing the necessary

bursement of a \$300m Iraqi

base from which to achieve long-term objectives. Jonathan Crusoe Middle East Economic Digest



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Economy resilient despite trade deficit

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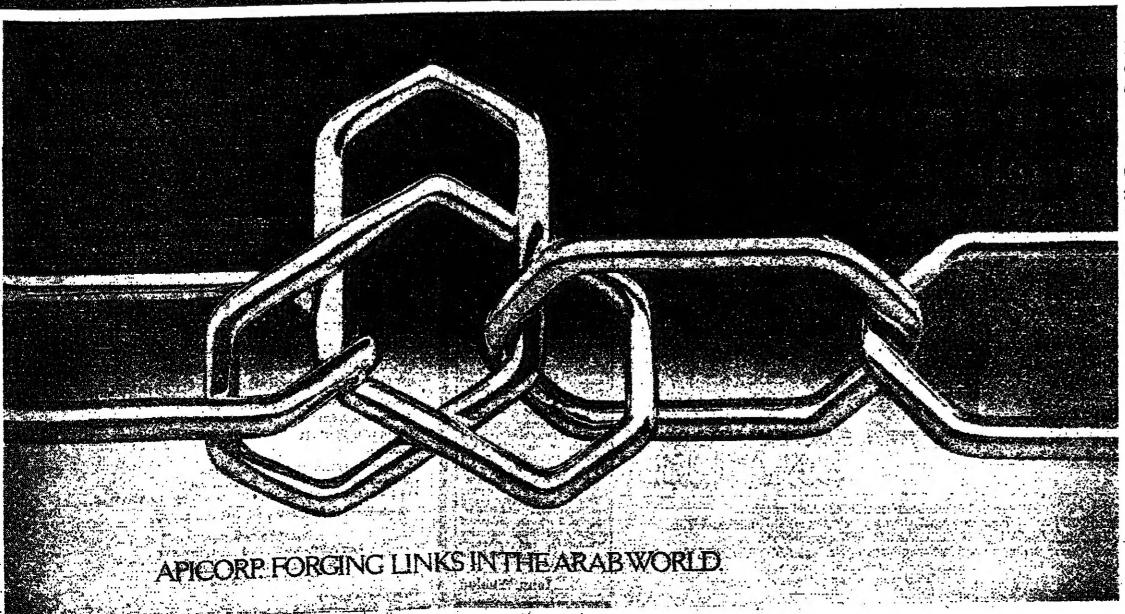
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A desirable credit risk

North Africa

The American hostage crisis estimated at \$19,000m and and the role of the Banque needs to be reduced.

Centrale d' Algèrie (central lt is this balancing act bank) has enhanced the press which has probably inhibited tige of Algeria in international banking. As bonest brokers exhibiting considerable financial skill in the complex transaction necessary to turn the American able financial complex transaction necessary to turn the American prisoners into "releasees" the Algerians have confirmed in late 1980 by the Office Cherifien des Phosphates (OCP), which handles phosphates (OCP), which handles phosphates and the confirmed the confirmed that the confirmed the confirmed that the confi major borrower Sonatrach-

insurance guarantees. Already, under President Carter, Eximbank had in Algeria its biggest committees and provided the committees and the committees are continued by the large management group drawn from 10 countries. OCP has recently had sharp criticism from a World deals with export credit and

nature to the capitalist West. of the ordinary. Of the three Ms

two years, and have no real ment. Moroccan banks, need for new funds; though private Moroccan interests institutions such as the and the World Bank through Banque Algérienne de Dévide la laternational Finance eloppement (BAD), whose role is to fund capital projects, are unlikely to stay as a country where the espect of the market for ever, pansion of industry is being With the 1980-84 five-year tackled with maturity; yet plan under the firm hand of a salutary point in the World President Chedli now moving Bank report is that about ahead, it is hard to believe \$1,000m worth of fresh fish the planners will resist for are lost each year because ahead, it is nare to believe \$1,000m worth of fresh usus the planners will resist for are lost each year because long the temptation of going Morocco's antique fishing to the market, even though fleet cannot compete with the plan obliges them to use foreign trawlers in its a combination of soft loans waters.

The head international Travisia's requisition for from Arab and international institutions and export credit.
Foreign exchange reserves
are indeed high at about
\$3,300m, but external debt is

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the hydrocarbons entity.

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Algeria its biggest commits sharp criticism from a World ment in Africa north of the Limpopo.

This boost in Algeria's alleged "lack of long term prestige comes when foreign banks in other respects have the world many times."

The report which is the World Bank's first on the kingdom since been experiencing frustra- first on the kingdom since tion with the Algerian banksome difference in philosophy—Algeria is, after all, dated. On today's figures in the socialist Arab camp Morocco's hard currency re-and not well disposed by serves have risen to \$700m serves have risen to \$700m from \$270m in September,

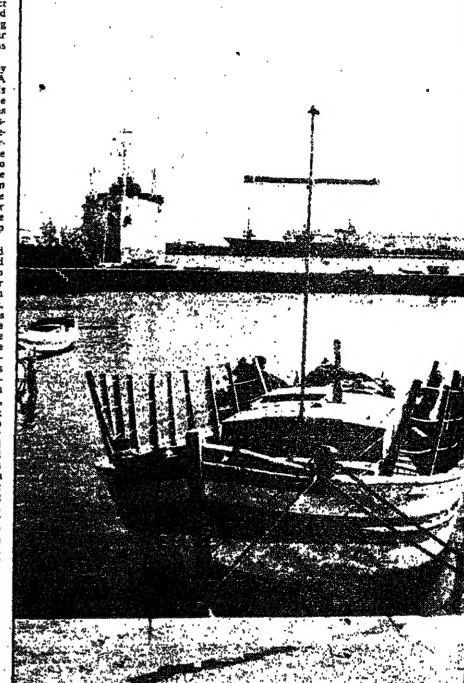
nature to the capitalist West.
But specifically the difficulties recently have been delays in letters of credit, Morocco, particularly for growing insurance fraud, and payments delays of up Banque, the Saudi-owned to three months on capital merchant bank based in projects. The excellent re-Paris, is in the market with a spouse by the Algerians to the banking documentation for the Moroccan refining on contracts for prefabricated bousing after the the facility does not carry recent earthquake was out any specific guarantee, the response was so favourable response was so favourable that the amount was raised

Of the three Maghreb that the amount was raised countries—Algeria Morrocco and Tunisia—Algeria alone is now regarded by most lenders as a desirable credit risk. Lenders are, in fact, frustrated because Algeria response to a proposal for has dropped right down the lable of borrowers. It is year, under a guarantee by thought in London that the kingdom of Morocco. The Algerian state banks have bank made the most of its large undrawn funds which list of shareholders, includwere arranged over the past ing the Moroccan Governtwo years, and have no real ment. Moroccan interests

Tunisia's reputation for political stability has made it both an attractive borrower and given it a marginal status as an offshore centre. The first bank to look into these possibilito look into these possibili-ties was Citibank of the United States, whose Middle East and Africa division head Mr Anthony Mantzavinos, has said after a recent visit that the Tunisians are expressing an appetite for loans in the 1982-86 five-year plan, as well as a desire to expand the role of offshore banks. Ciribank was not only Tunisia's main attraction as an offshore centre, apart from having many of the qualities of a provincial

qualities of a provincial French town, is as a window on Libya. As it would be difficult in socialist Libya for an American bank to operate, Tunis is an obvious choice for dealing with Tripoli. The banking community in Tunis also includes ambitious and rising Arab banks, such as the National Bank of Abu Dhabi, which see a limited but important role for its Tunis operations. Tunisia suffers from having a limited absorbtive capacity. This can be illustrated by the problems encountered by the Export-Import Bank of the United States in getting exporters to use a \$100m credit agreed for the country in 1979. Another area of frustration was encountered by the Pivall hassed The Arab Another area of frustration was encountered by the Riyadh based The Arab Investment Company (TAIC), a pan-Arab-owned merchant bank, which wanted to back an industrial project, but found excessive bureaucracy and resistance to outside investment in some quarters.

John Whelan



The docks at Sousse, in Tunisia.



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ment & Savings Bank, was is Arab Banking Corporation, savings at home and fearing set up in early 1981, with a the largest offshore unit in that questions might be \$234m capital to provide Bahrain, with a capital of interest-free housing loans to \$1,000m. Set up in 1980 destroyed large quantities of low-income families.

An important innovation in ABC is headed by Abdullah the banking sector was the al-Saudi, the former chair-formation in 1972 of the man of LAFB. Another Libvan Arab Foreign Bank foreign venture is Arab families prefer to spend their (LAFB), which operates are International Bank capital money on such items as cars

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Aid

Opec gives much more than rich nations

ernments can reduce foreign aid commitments with little opposition at home. Pressure groups are alert to what domestic cuts mean in lost jobs and wases whereas his domestic cuts mean in lost years to April 1984.
jobs and wages, whereas big
trimmings of foreign aid are
restoring Western unlikely to upset too many

In times of deepening one tenth despite strong been at the level of about recession and big public opposition from Mr Alexan- 3 per cent of gnp. That is spending cuts, Western gov- der Haig, the Secretary of about 10 times the combined

restoring Western aid, let alone increasing it, look grim, governments in the West and Japan are now under increasing pressure to assume that they have sufficient power, or wide enough public appeal, to enable them to enforce their views.

Only a few weeks after moving into the White House, President Reagan announced that he would cut the 1981-82 United States foreign aid bill by at least foreign aid bill by at least long been working to the Third World's disadvantage.

Unlike its predecessor, the Pearson report Partners in Development (1969), Brandr's report says foreign and proposes several more specific initiatives to over schnology to recipieme and proposes several more specific initiatives to over schnology to recipieme and to considered as developing ones (such as Israel, Greece, Spain, Portugal and other south European states), the West one increasing it look grim, governments in the West now under increasing pressure increasing pressure now under increasing pressure now under increasing pressure increasing pressure in the West description for the Arab aid one to the Island America. Besides hilateral pud ind, several Arab countries and their says been channelling huge sums into world and the International Fund

and proposes several more specific initiatives to overcome these problems and to therefore there is almost no create a better and interesting of disbursed funds to create a better and inte-grated world economy.

providing large sums in absolute terms, its aid still stands at only half the 0.7 goods for projects financed per cent of gross national product which has been the United Nations' target for International Development (ONT). the past decade. It now pro-poses that this target be restated by 1985 and should

of which, according to OECD figures, have recently con- \$500m the amount of distributed as much as 16 per cent of gnp. Some Arab states have been giving, even in absolute terms, much considering that Arab aid salmost entirely financial A more than the richest countries in industrial Europe,"

is almost entirely financed from a non-renewable income (from sales of depleted oil and gas stocks), their record ing countries announced that looks even more impressive, they would allocate an Opec countries are free additional \$3,000m to help quently criticized in the poorer Muslim states world-West for not giving enough poorer Muslim states world-aid; but, spart from the wide. Besides OFID, whose record, what many critics resources are almost all ignore is that these countries are developing nations them. cies have been set up in the selves, with a combined gnp past eight years. Most of not much greater than that their disbursements go to of Italy, for example.

Opec aid, which is almost all Arab, has in recent years

years to April 1984.

While the prospects for restoring Western aid, let alone increasing it, look grim, governments in the West and Japan are now under increasing pressure from the Research of the street of the

cannot supply equipment of technology to recipiems and The commission says that agencies now claim that they although the West has been are indirectly subsidizing the West and Japan, from which most recipients buy capital

(OFID), set up in Vienna by the organization's 13 mem-bers in 1976, had up to react 1 per cent by the turn of the century.

Such rates, seen by many Western politicians and bankers as highly optimistic, have long been surpassed by many Arab countries, some of which, according to OECD

ary 28 agreed to double to bursements in 1981 and to raise this figure to \$700m next year. The fund's capital

A few days before the Vienna meeting, at the Taif Islamic conference attended by 42 states, Arab oil export-Arab, several regional agen-

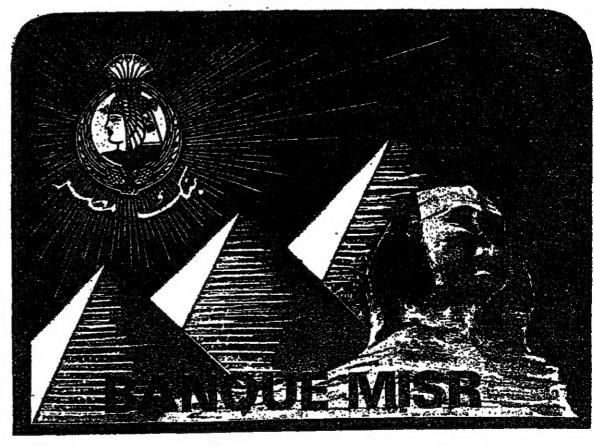
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in US Dollars Assets	1979	1980	Liabilities Deposits	1979 82,026,473	1980 161,902,133
Cash on hand and in Banks	33,274,797	72,006,540	Cash Collaterals General	8,411,503	10,072,683
Portfolio Securiti	es		Provisions	872 257	2,675,080
Government Bon	ds 416,667	1,016,667	Other Liabilities	1,013,520	1,812,993
Local Shares and Foreign Bonds	7,808.357	1,530,853	Shareholders' Ed	quity	
Discounted Bills	16,395,623	25,897,763	Capital	10,000,000	10,000,000
Overdraft Accounts	44,845.837 s 1,280,000	76,228,657 4,188,700	Legal Reserves Other Reserves	92,288	329,830
Syndicated Loan Net fixed Assets Other Assets		4,156,732 2,399,610	and Retained Earnings	351.880	632,803
Total Assets	102.768,021	187,425,522	Total Liabilities	102,768.021	187,425,522
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L/C's	32,722,557	32,659,310 42,081,680			

Other Liabilities 2,624,240 16,219,923 10 operating branches in Jordan distributed in Amman, the suburbs and other cities in Jordan.

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Branching draws scattered market | Institution with unique role

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Forming branches is the necessary first step in winning a bigger share of the Saudi banking market scattered over a wide area. For Saudi American, this also Saudi American. A strong movement out of nonmovement out of non-interest-bearing into interestbearing deposits is detectable among the Saudi public, indicating growing awareness of what the banking market offers. This could lead to funds flowing out of the oldestablished National Commercial and Riyadh banks

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Edmund O'Sullivan

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Economic Digest

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make its presence a major force in financial centres.

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No business is ever too big here

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assets exceeding JD1,250m that he was a graduate of (£2,000m), a balance sheet total of JD2,000m and an operating income of JD106m at the end of 1979. Figures for 1980 are not yet avail-

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Born about 1890 in Beit New York with \$32 in his limited company, there had Hanina, a small town near pocket he returned to Pales to be seven shareholders.

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beadquarters. fledged merchant bank, but After the first nationaliza-tion in 1961 when the bank marily a commercial bank. It

It is said of the Arab Bank that it is the only local bank first it is the only local bank in Jordan where a customer is never turned away because his demand is too big. Founded in Jerusalem in J930 by Mr Abdul Hameed Shoman, one of the first Arab entrepreneurs of this entrepreneurs of this century, with a capital of the founder shows and entrepreneurs of this century, with a capital of the founder shows and of the first Arab bank in Palestine. Abdul Majeed shown and friends as that he helped to run the bank as deputy chairman younger son.

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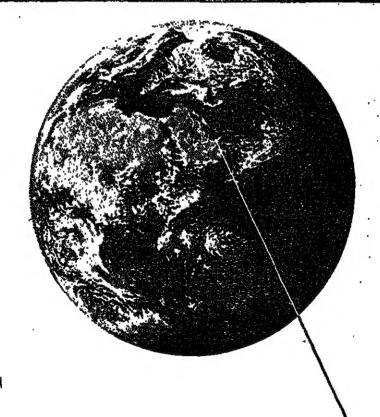
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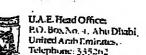
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